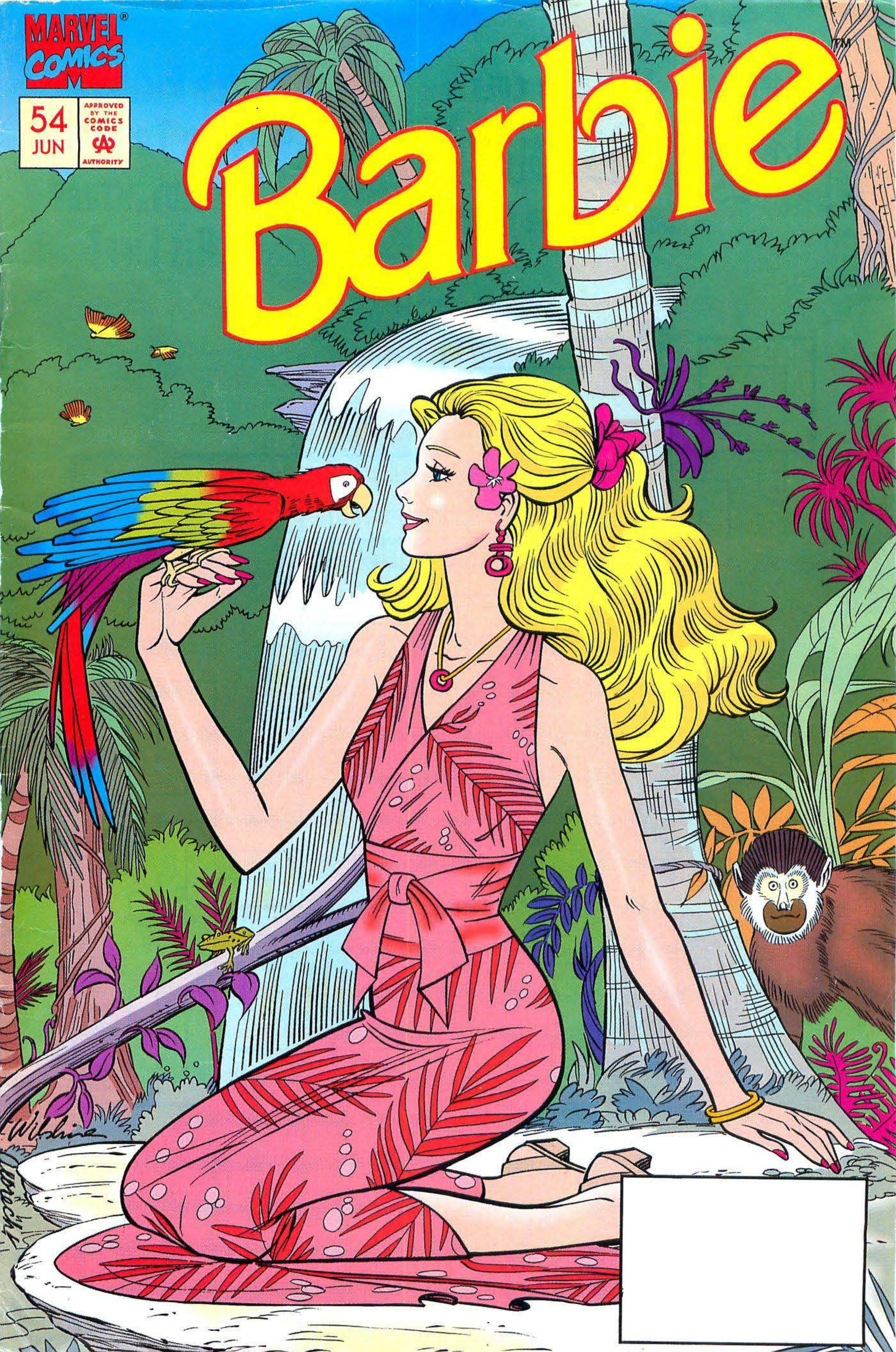


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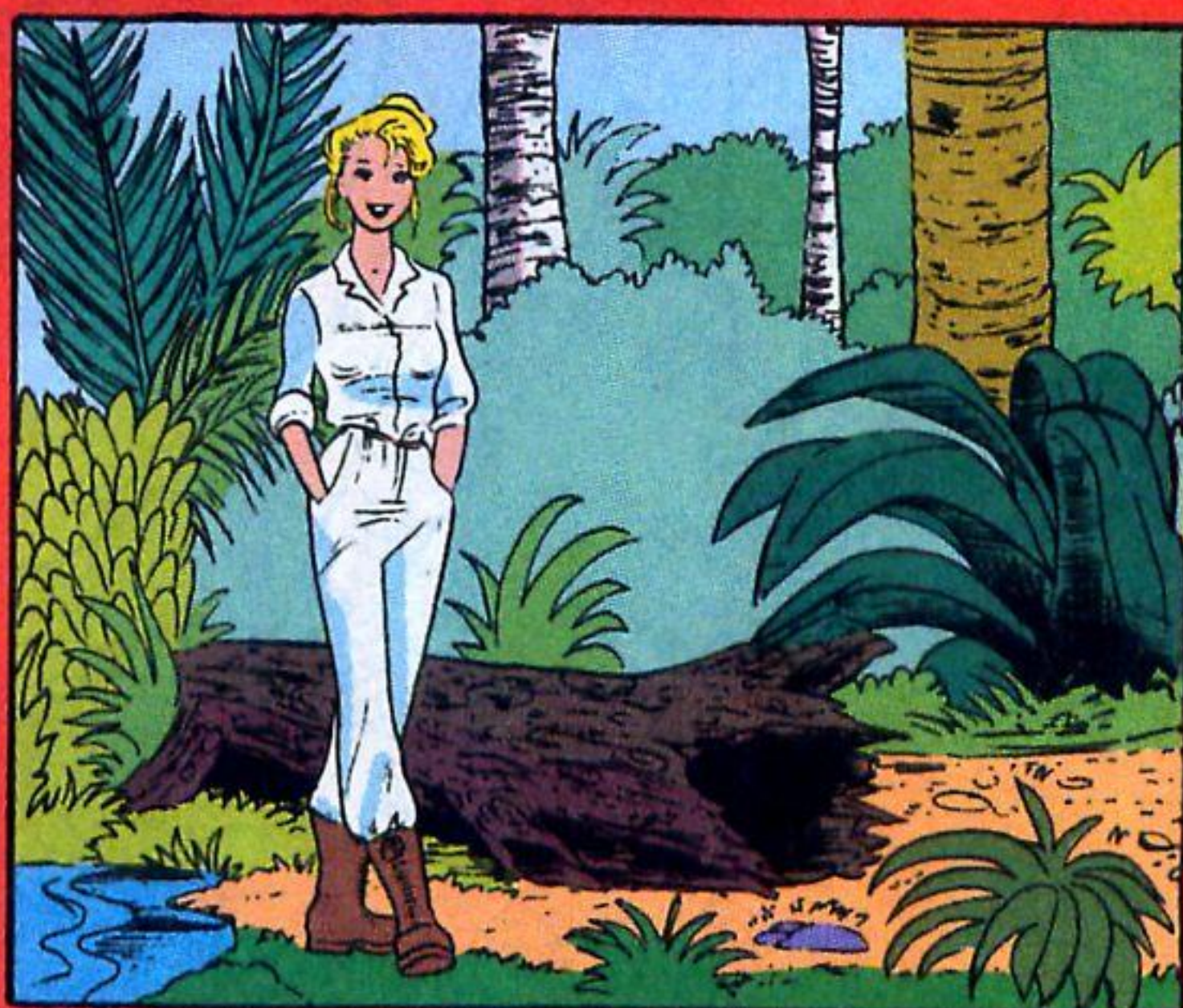
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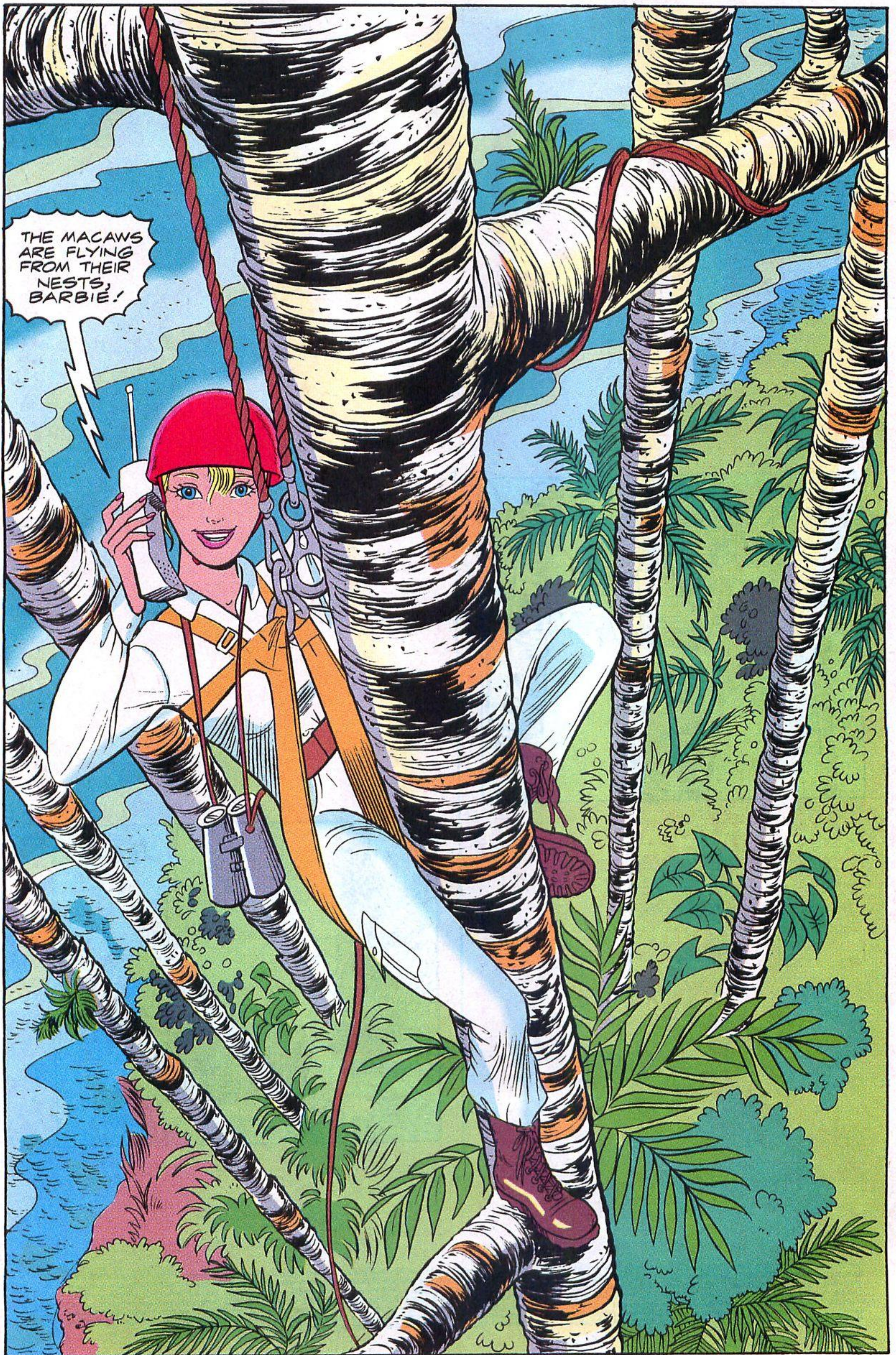
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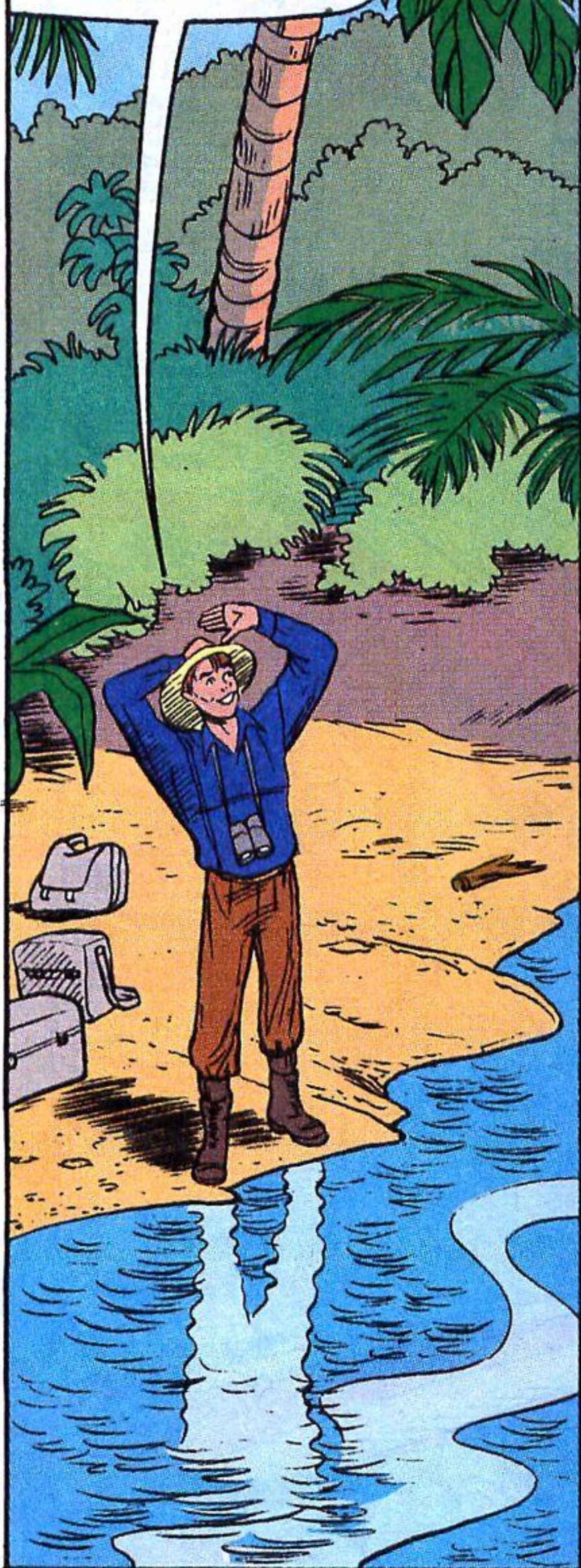
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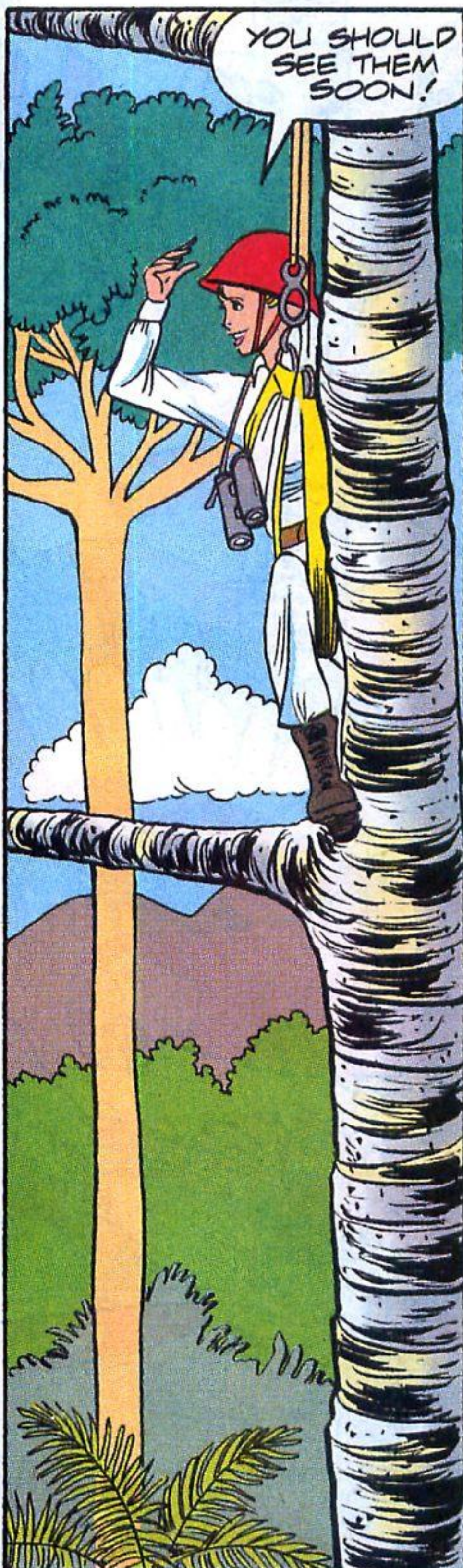
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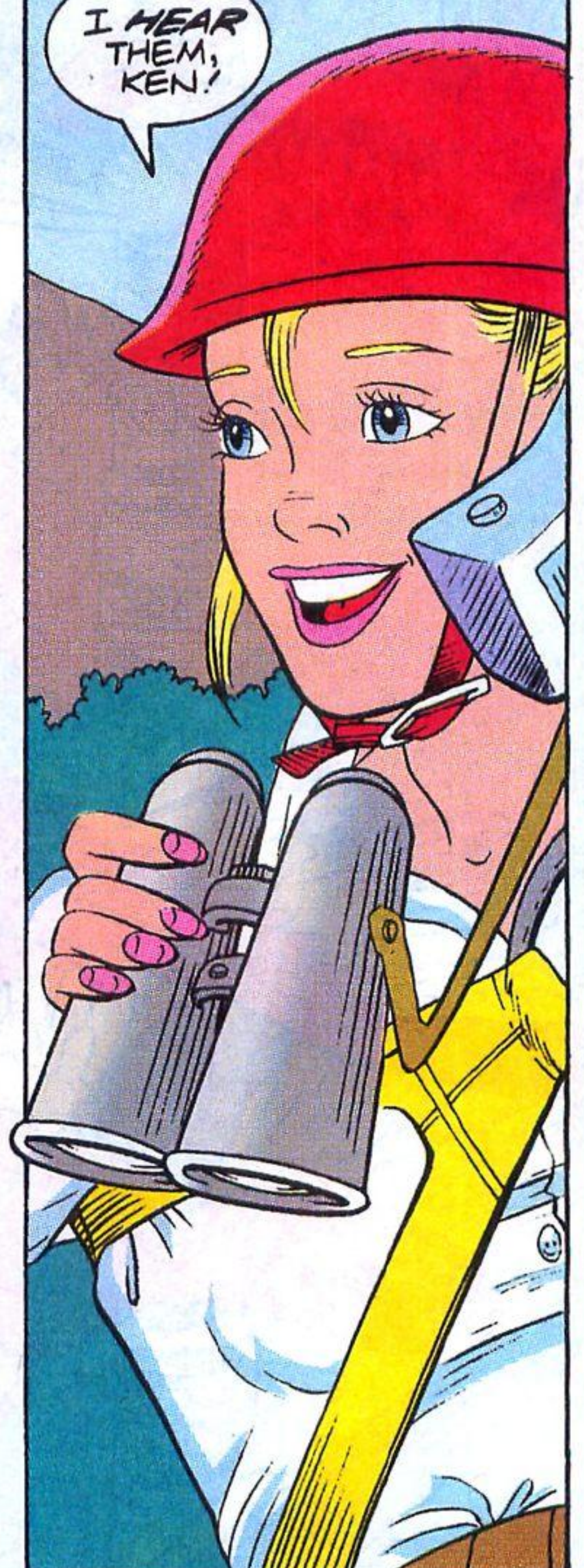


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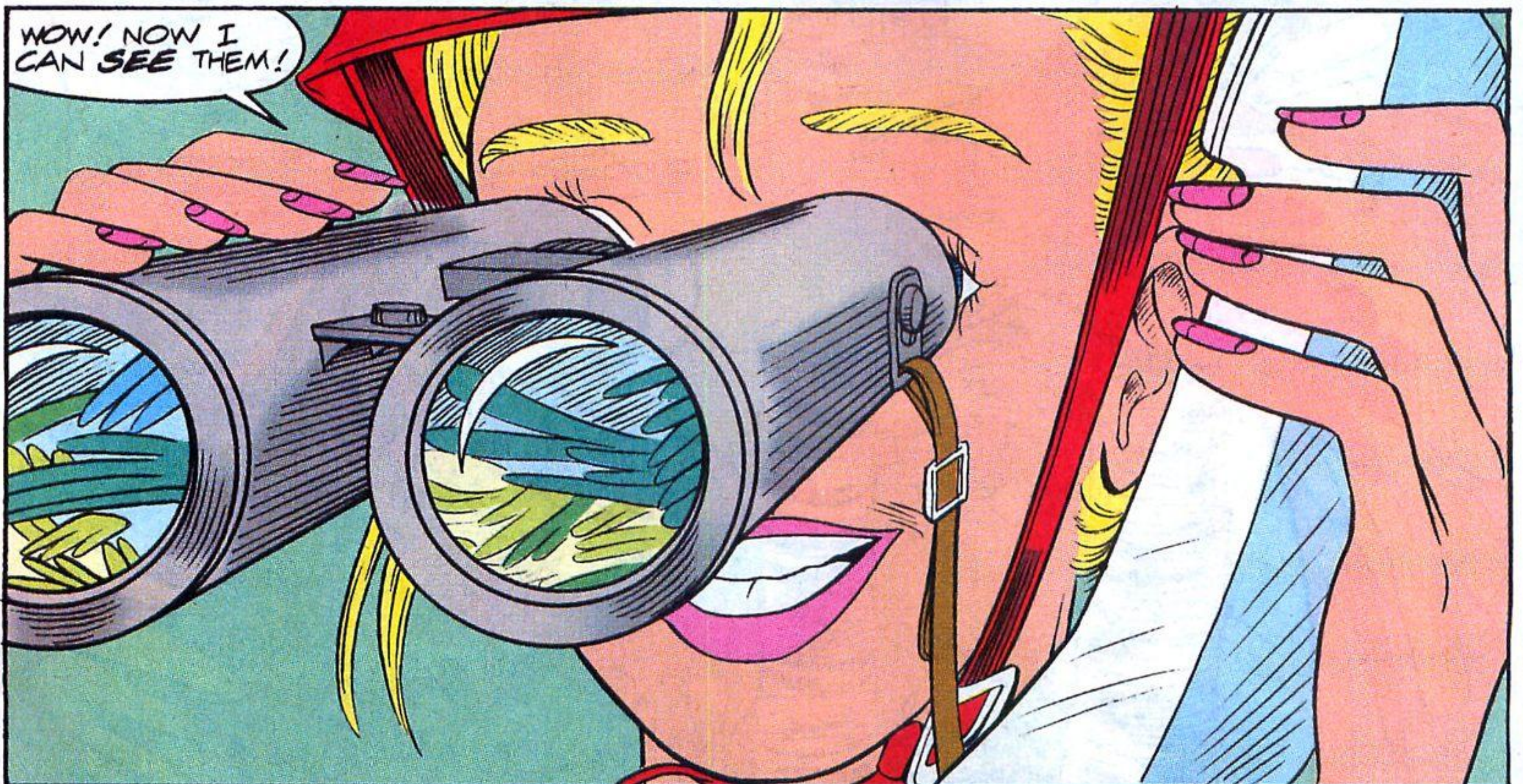


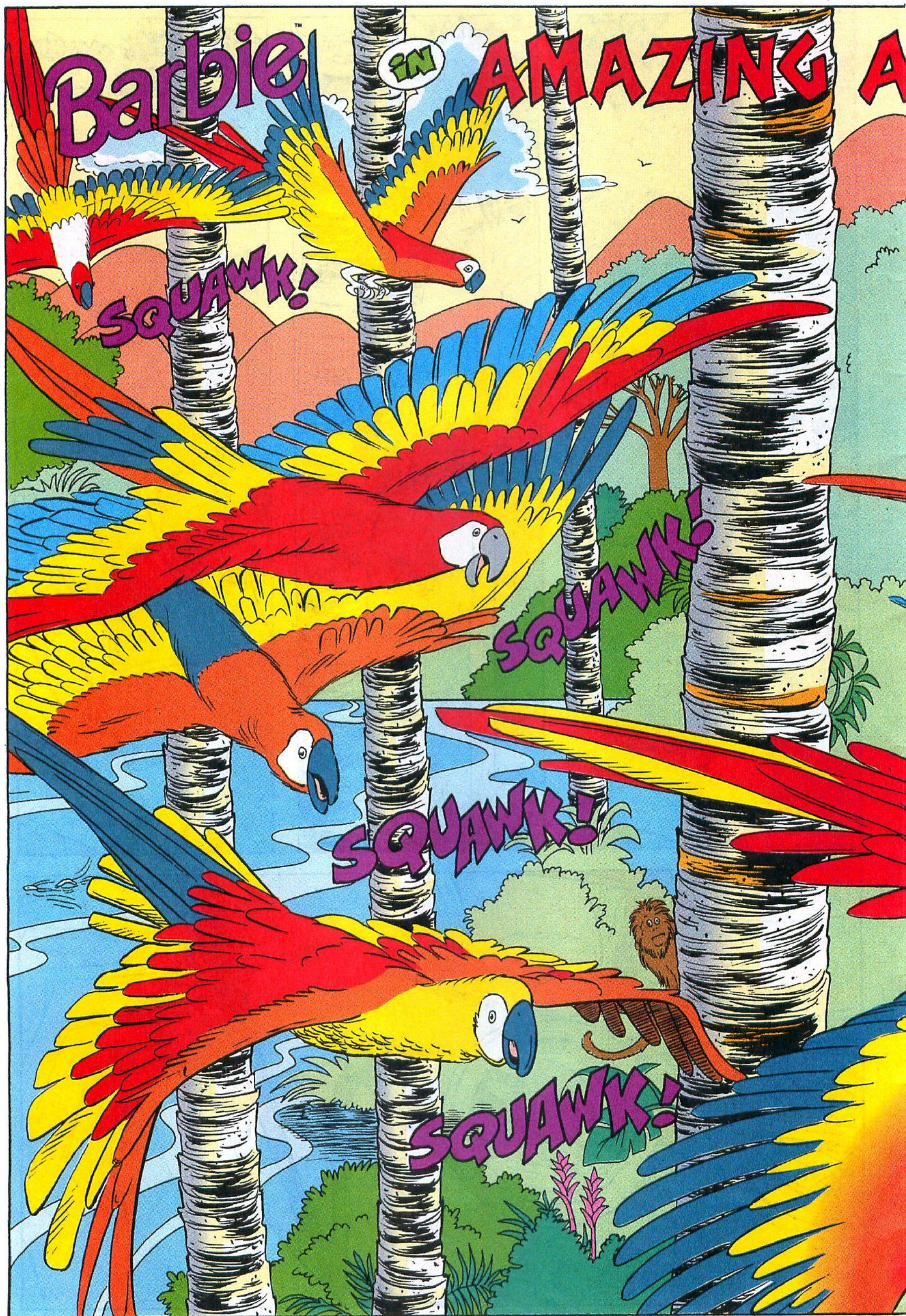
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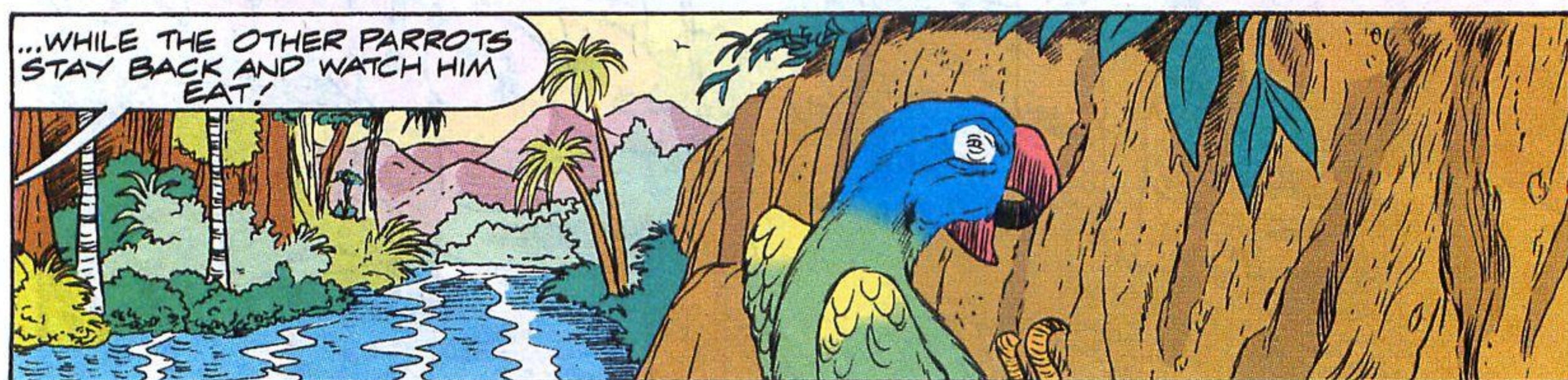
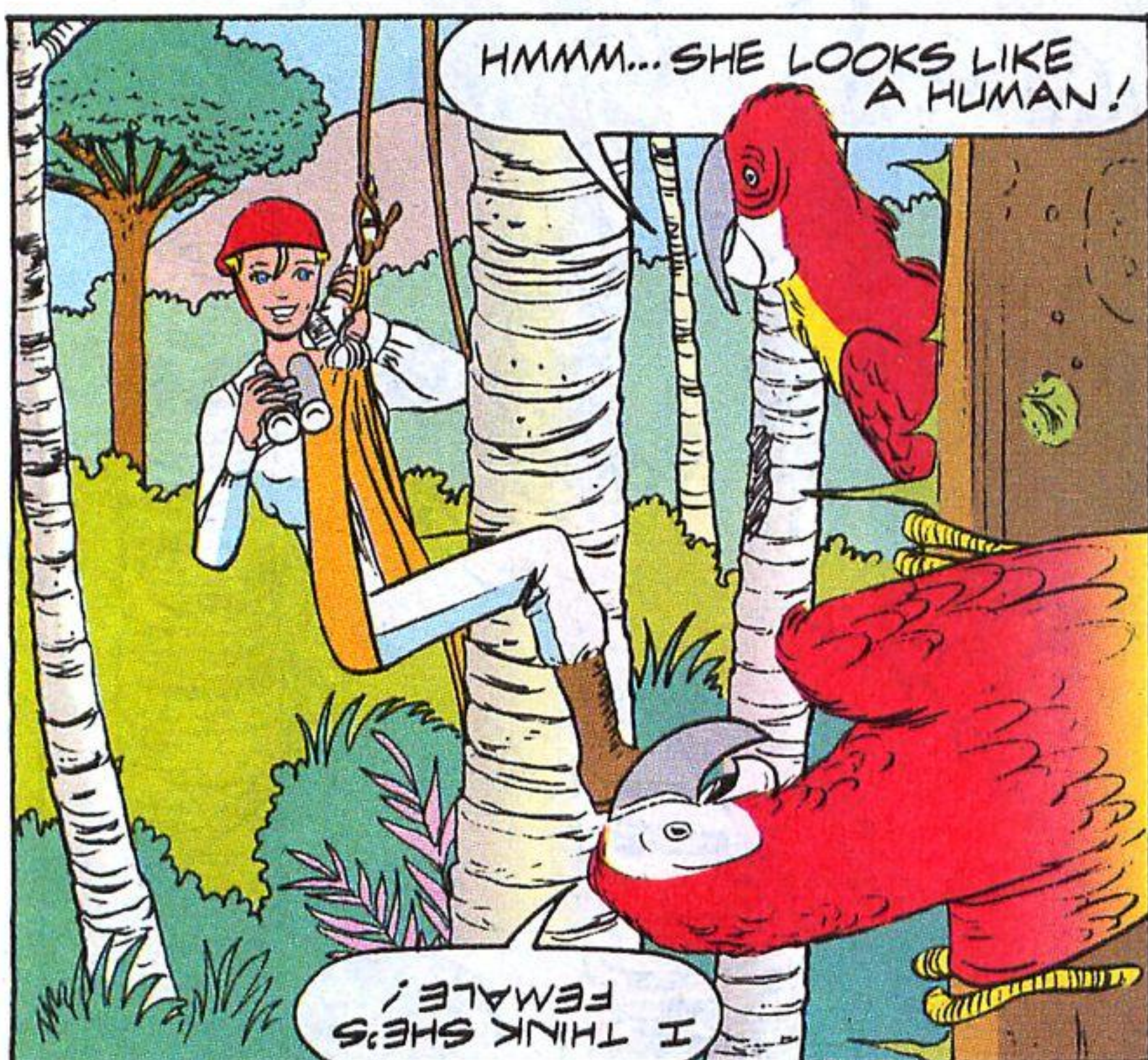
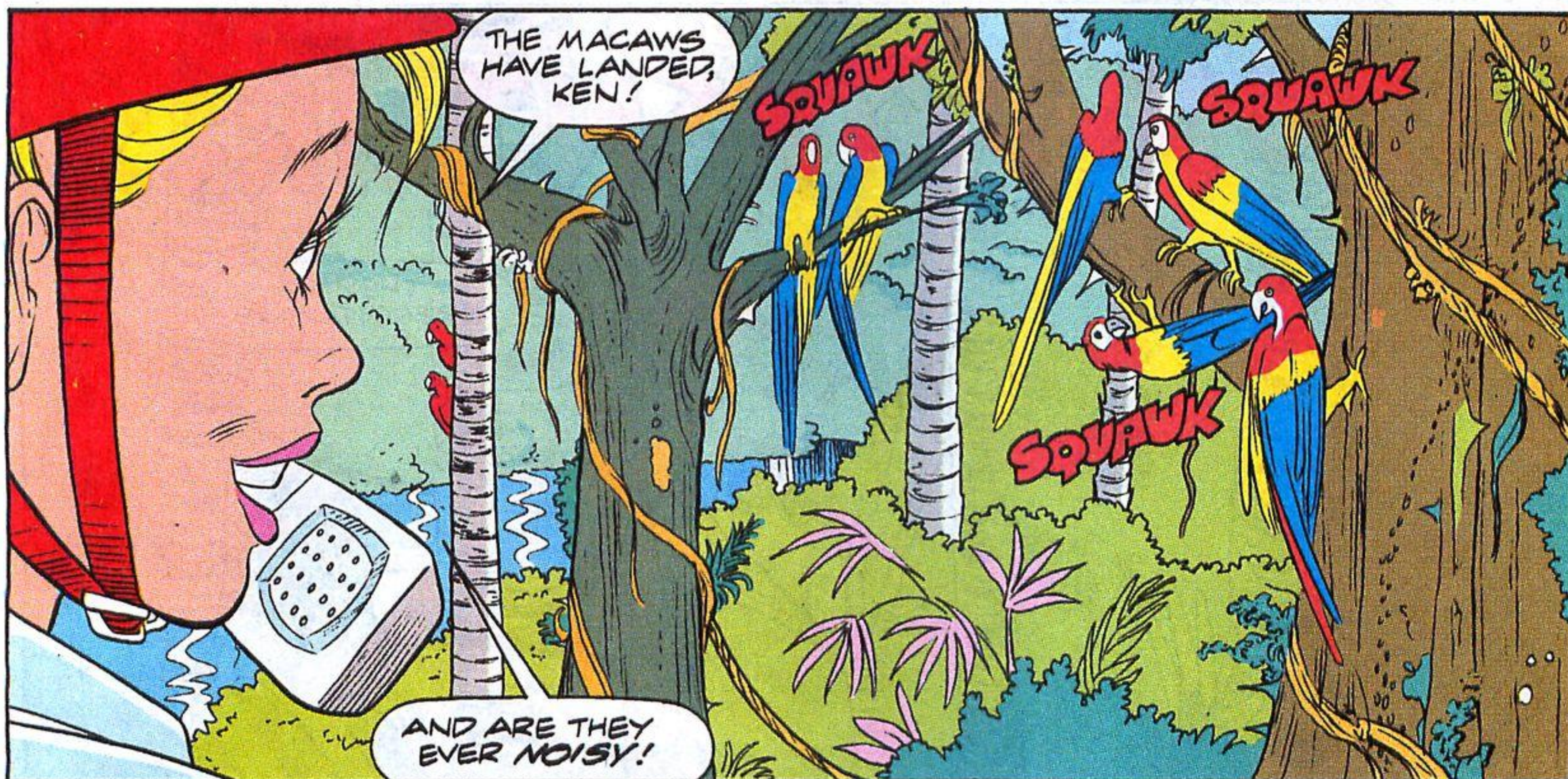


WOW! NOW I
CAN **SEE** THEM!









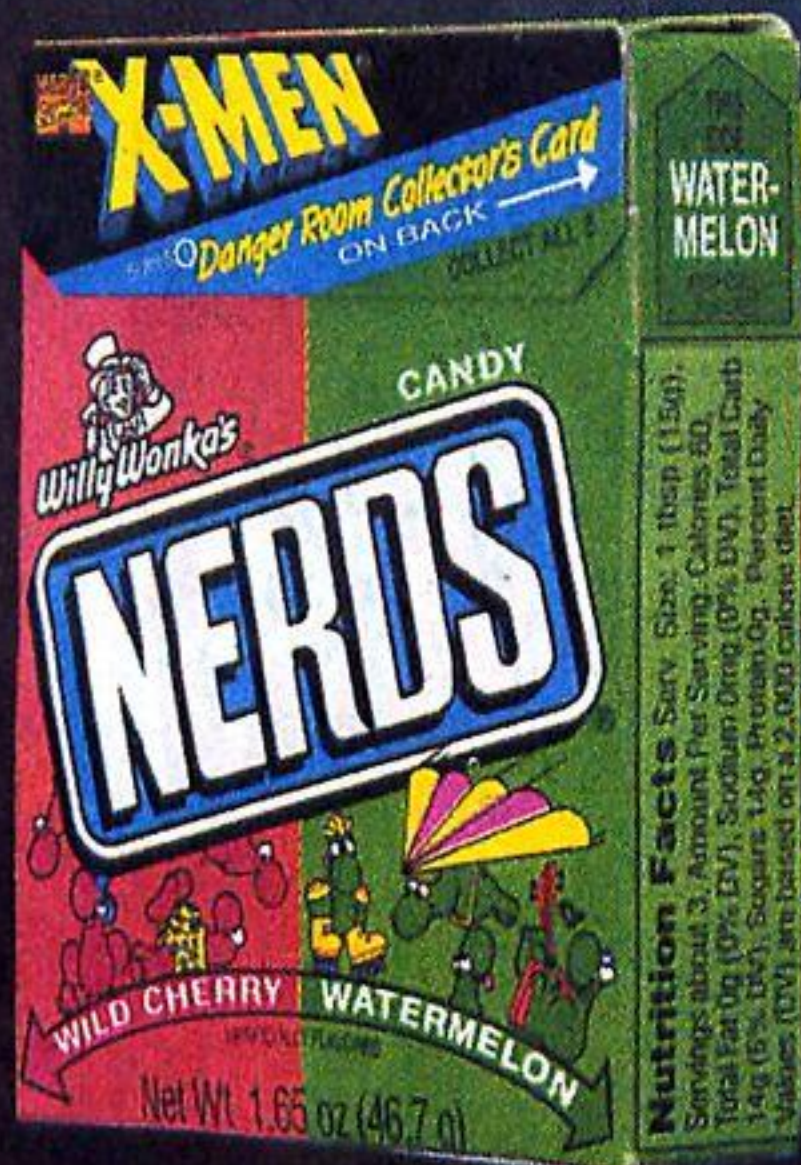
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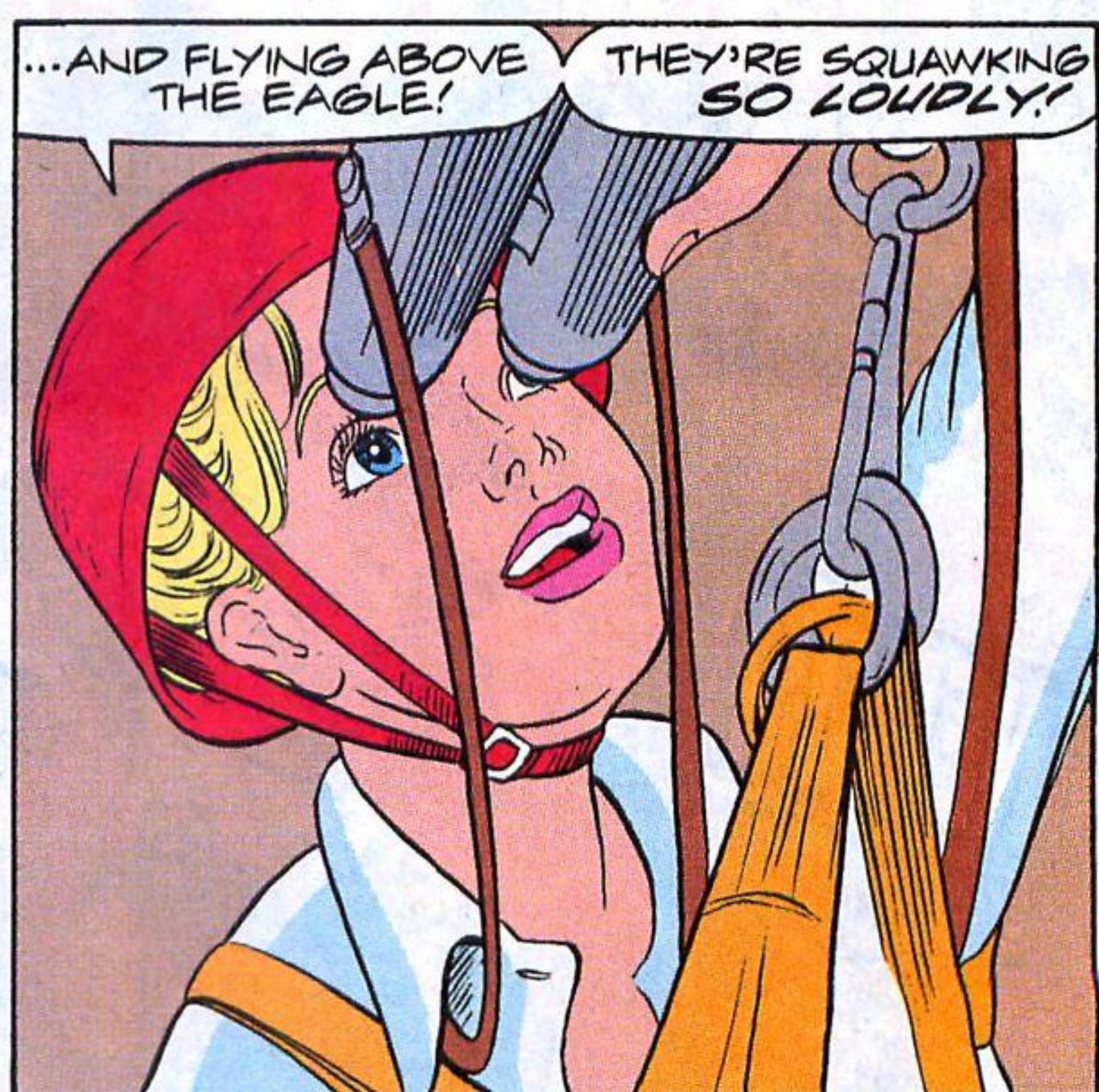
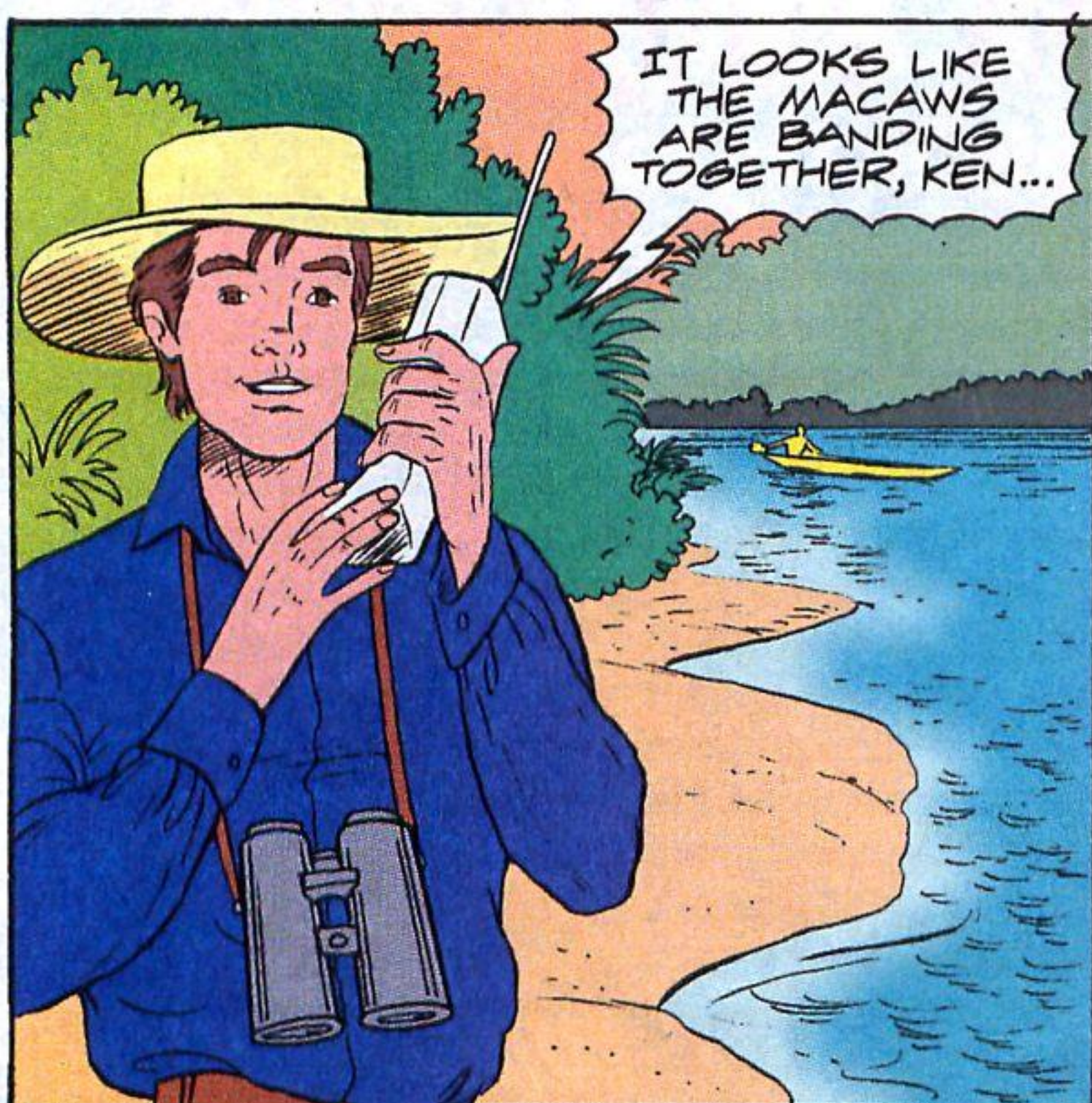
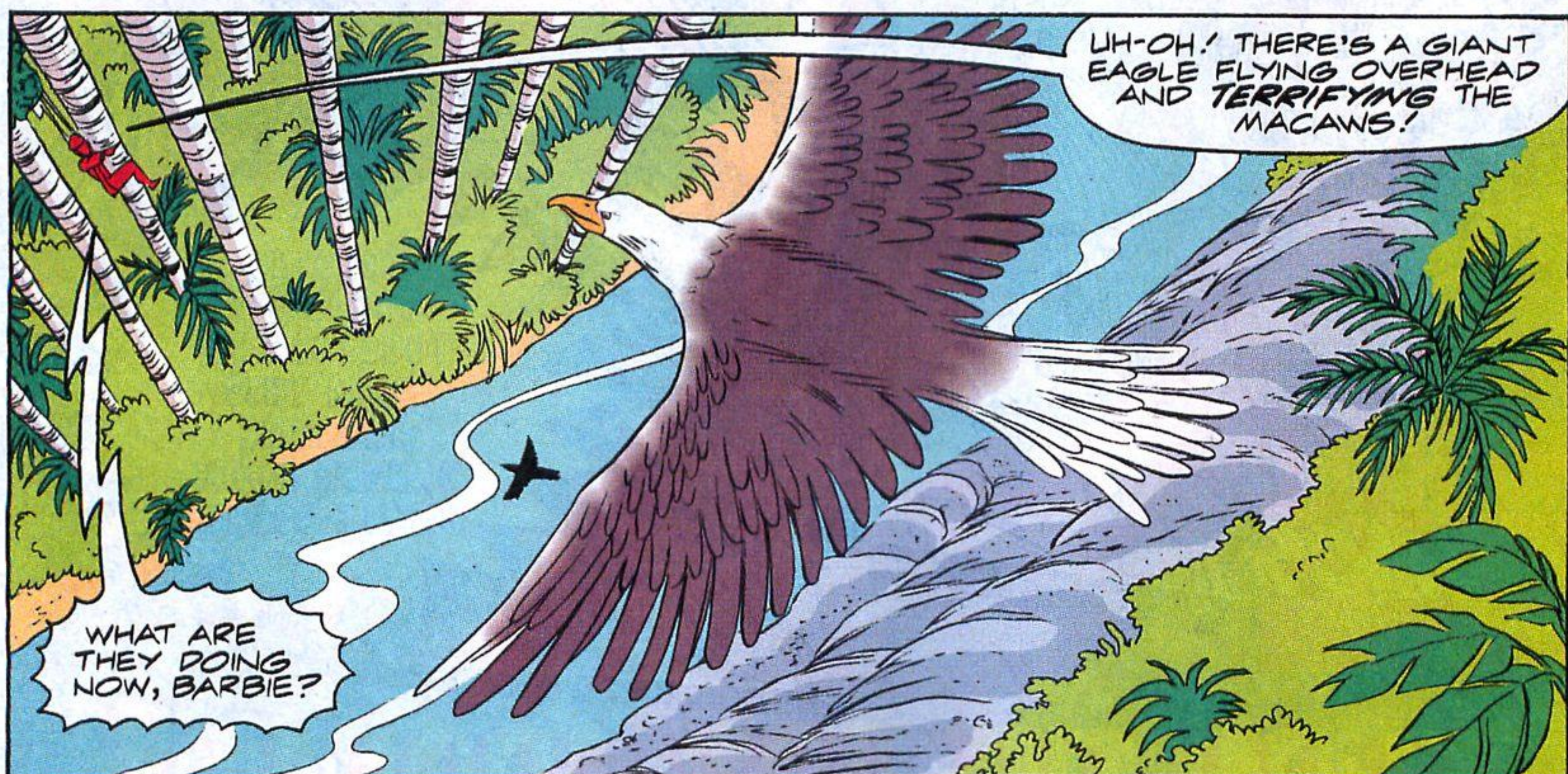
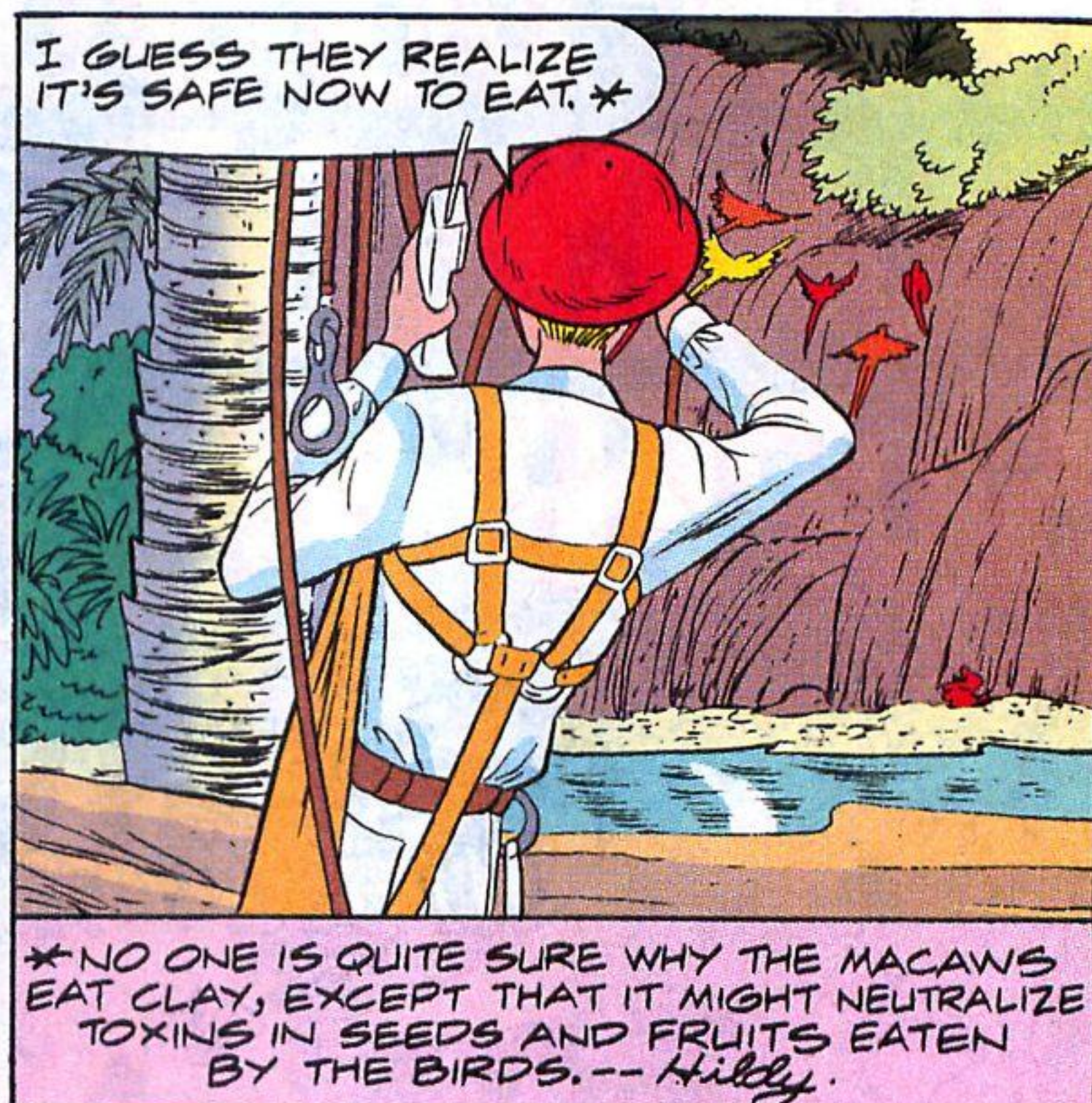


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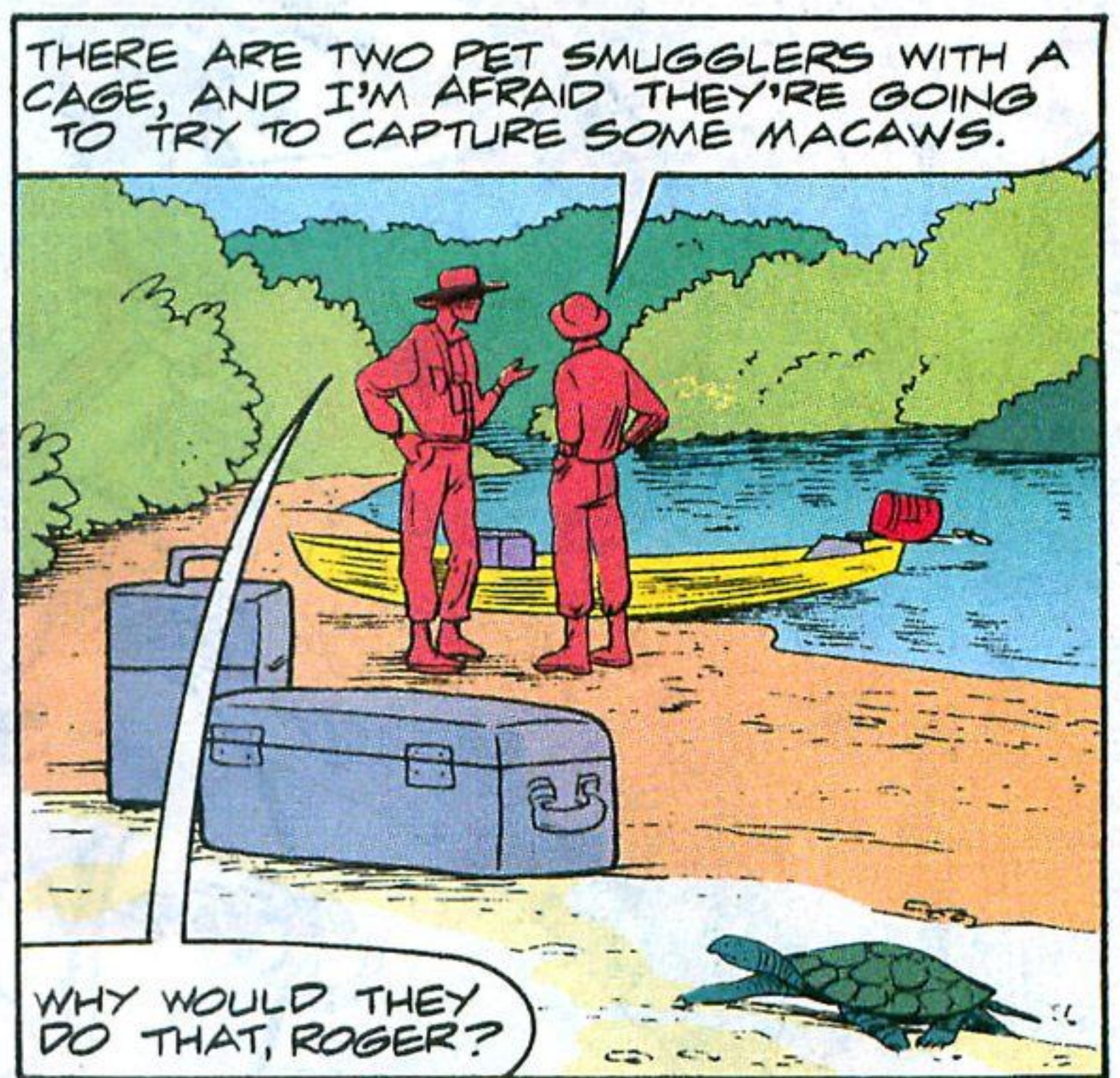
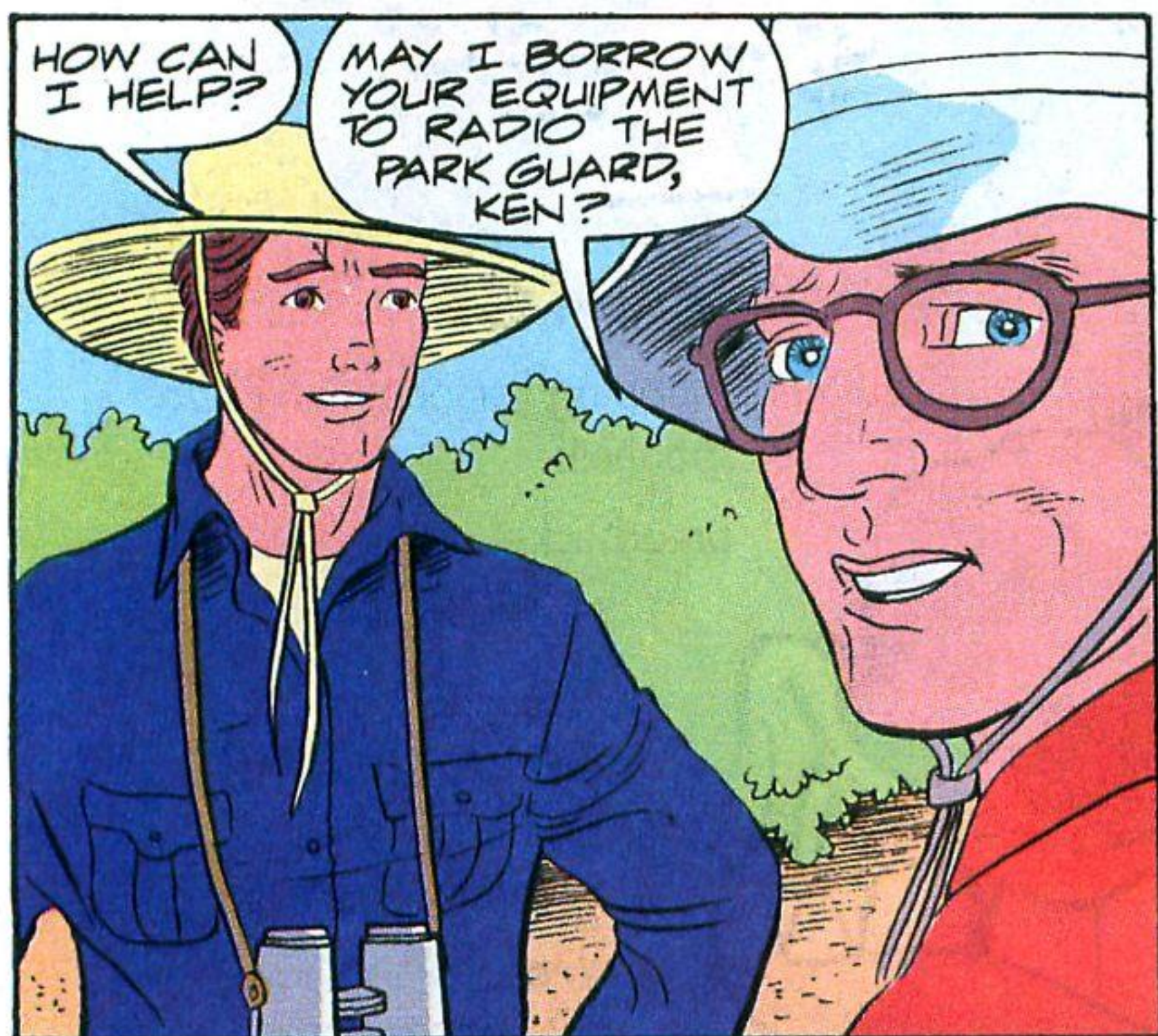
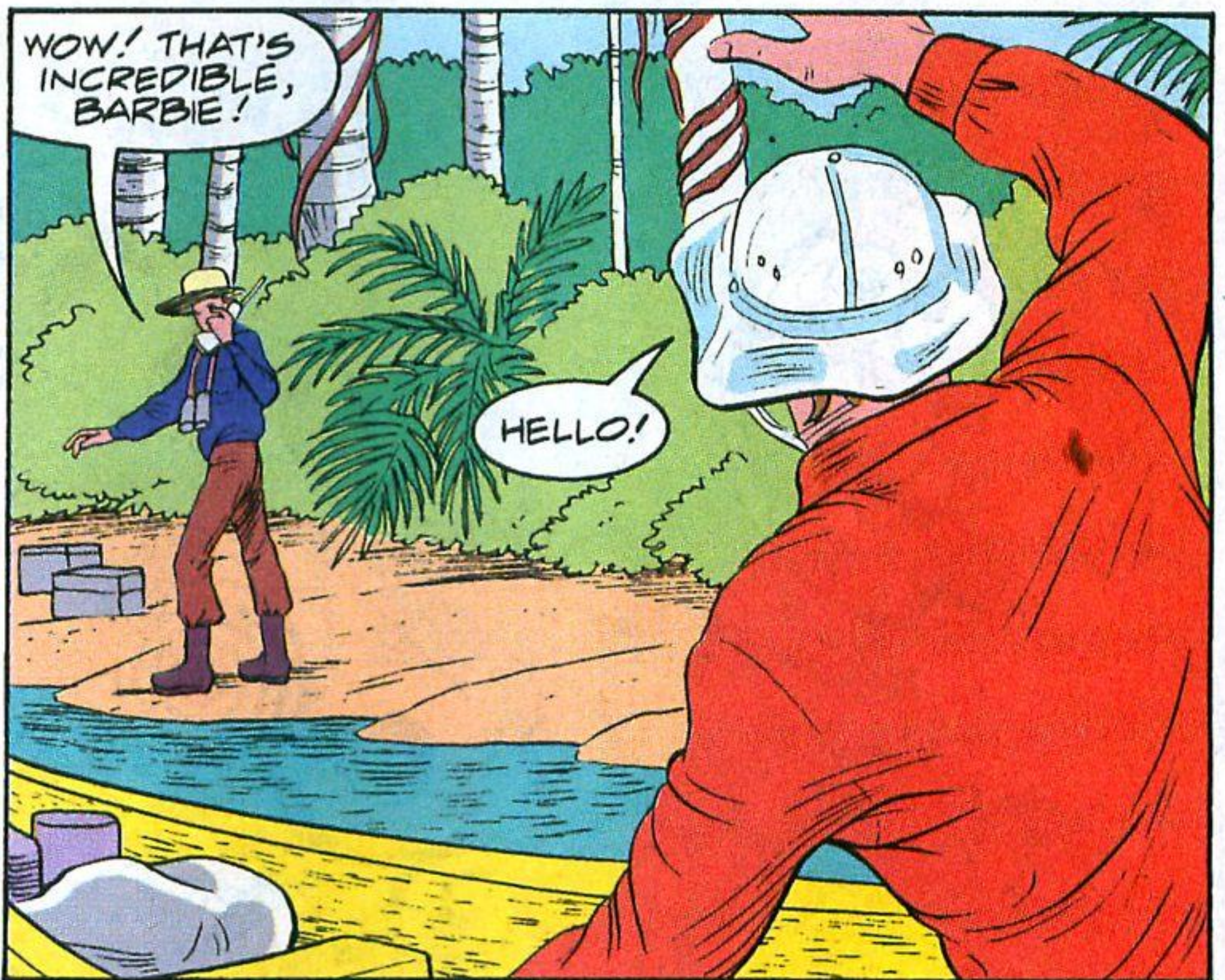
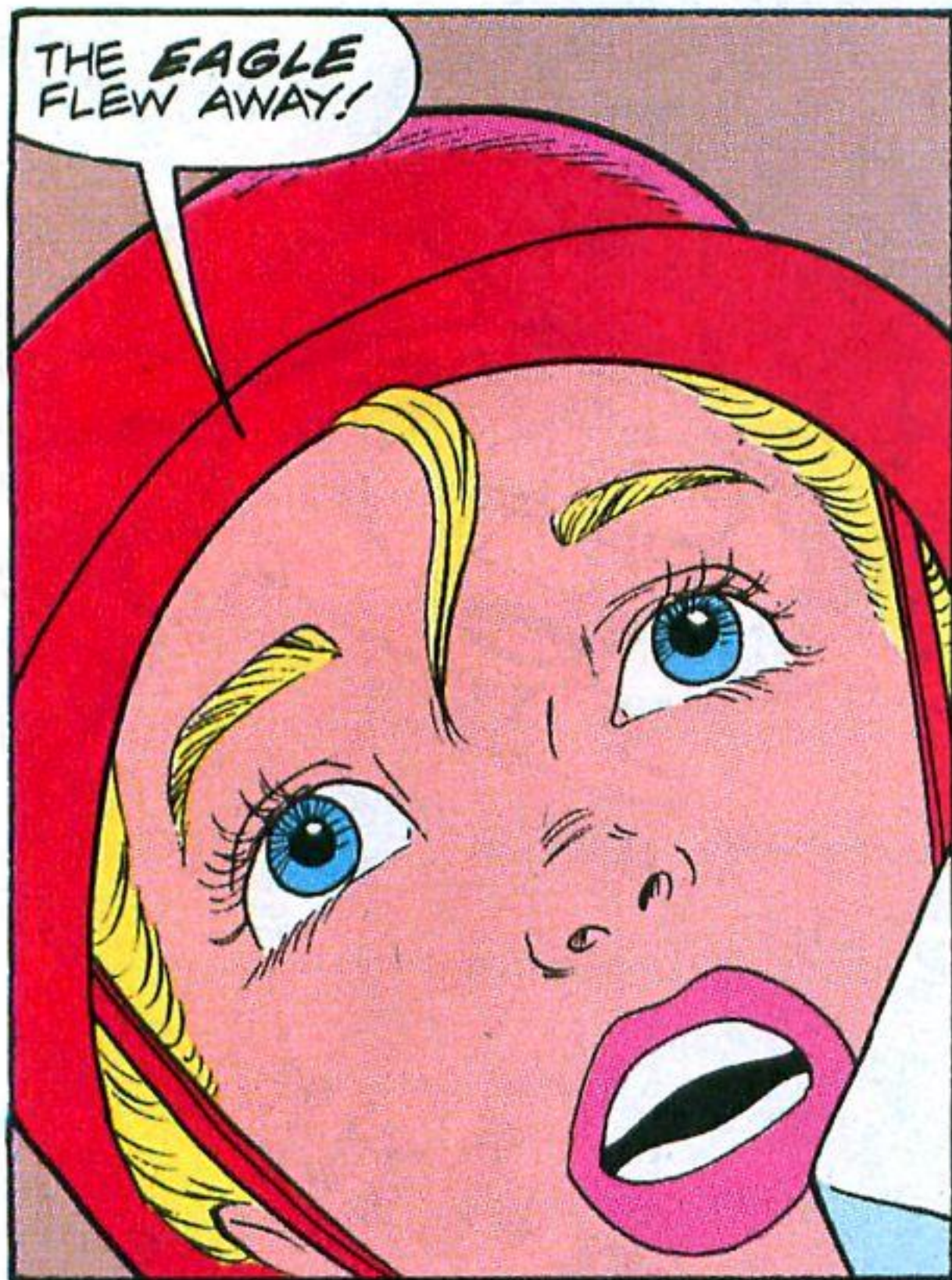
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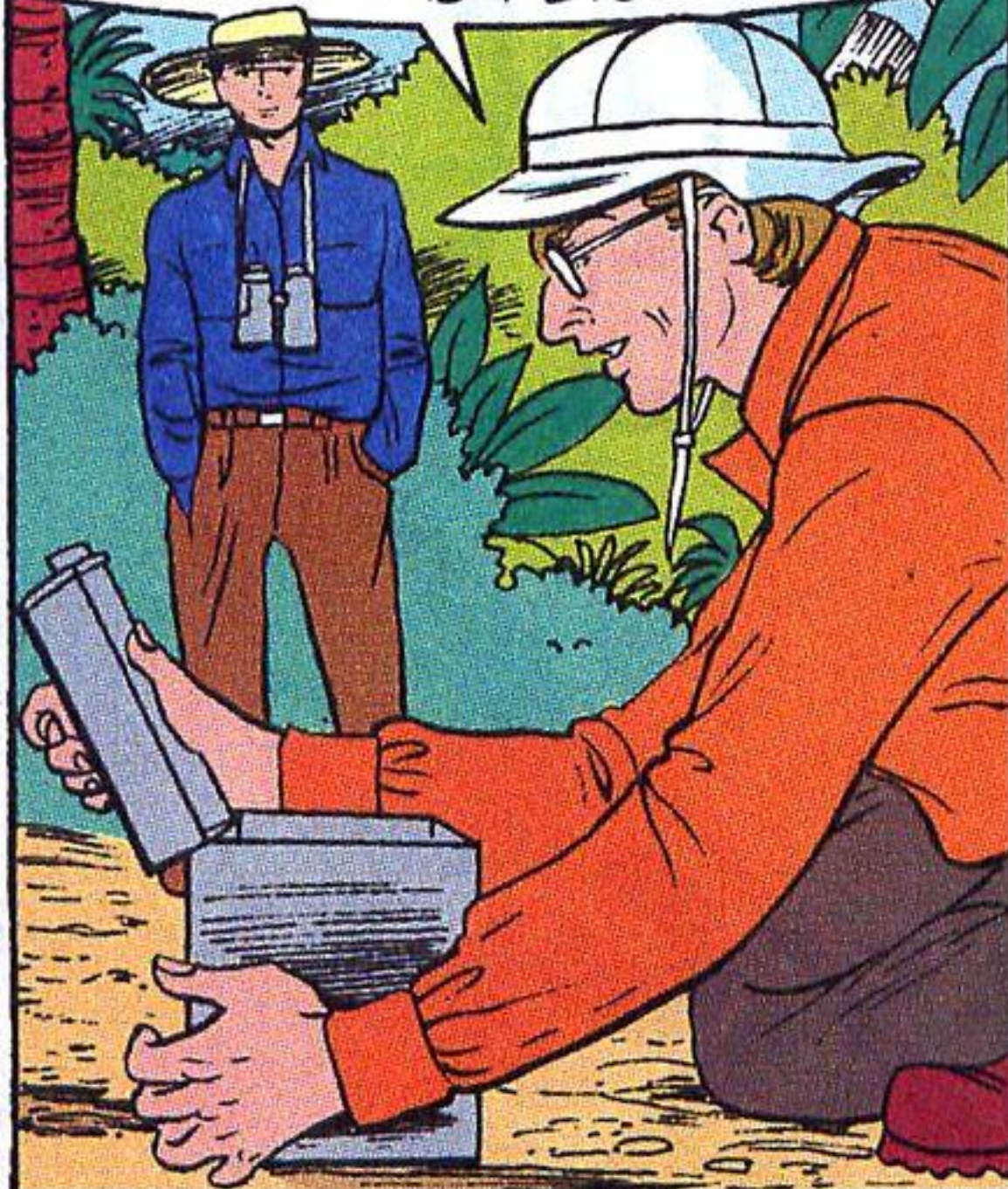
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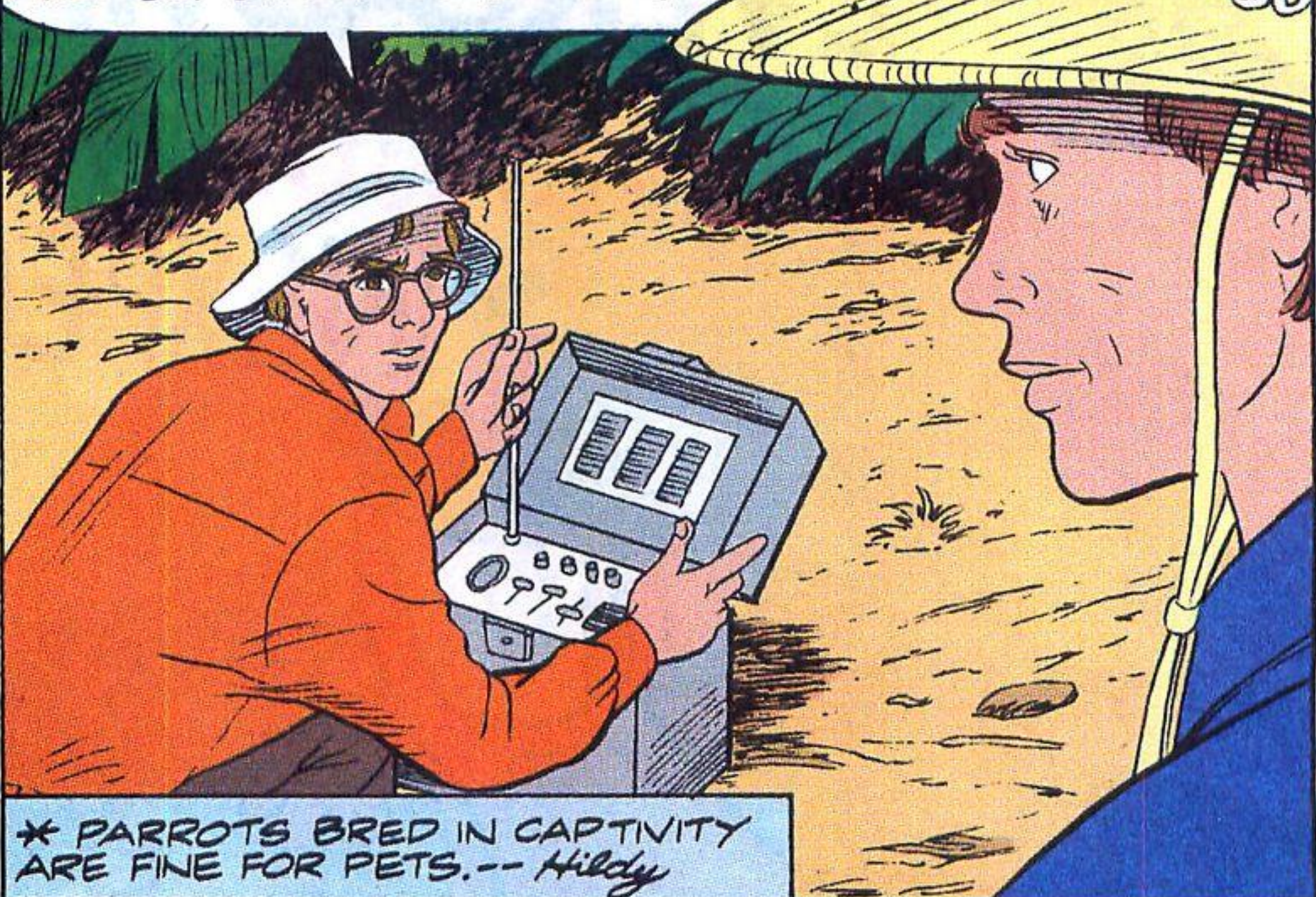




BECAUSE OF THEIR BEAUTY, INTELLIGENCE AND LONGEVITY, PARROTS ARE IN GREAT DEMAND AS PETS.



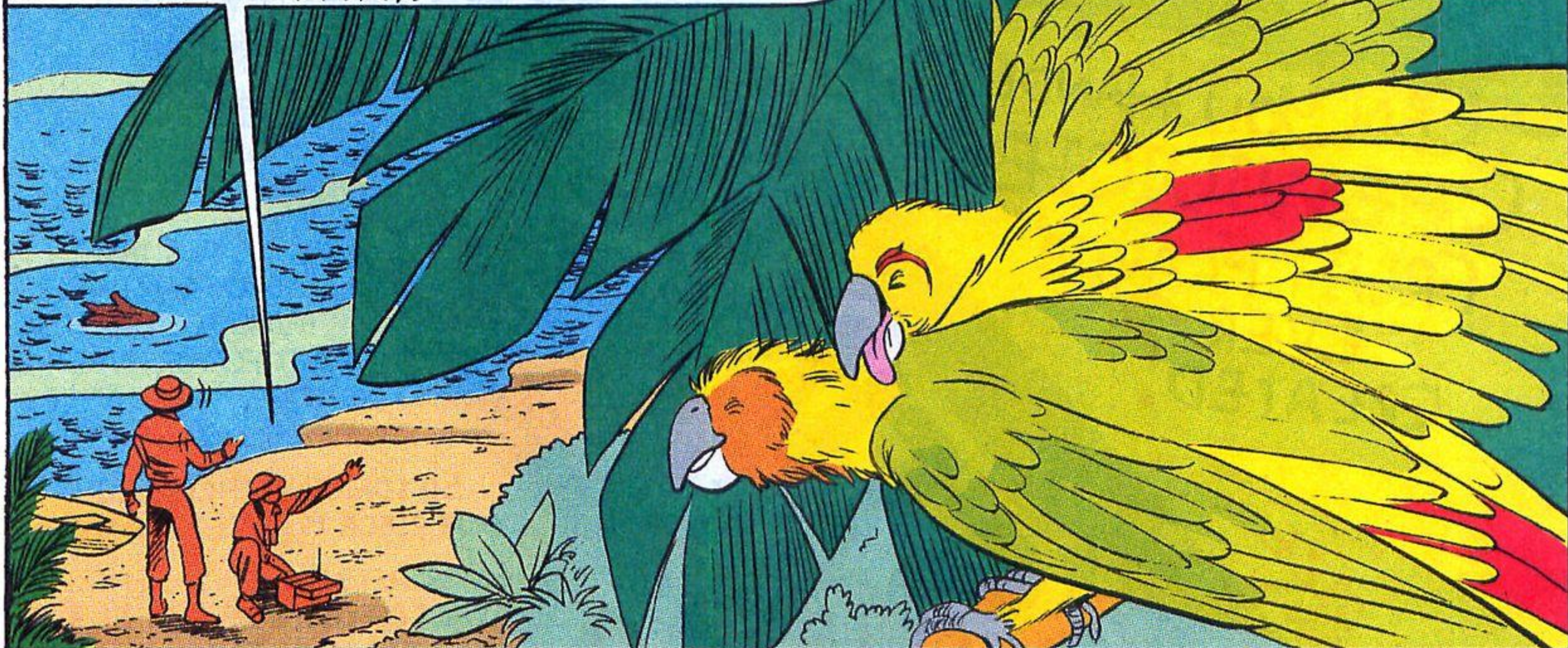
BUT PARROTS TAKEN FROM THE WILD ARE NOT GOOD PETS BECAUSE THEY NEED CONSTANT ATTENTION!*



* PARROTS BRED IN CAPTIVITY ARE FINE FOR PETS. -- Hildy

IN THE WILD, PARROTS HAVE A MATE THAT THEY STAY WITH ALL THEIR LIVES, AND THEY TALK TO EACH OTHER OR PLAY TOGETHER 24 HOURS A DAY!

HUMANS DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR ENERGY TO SPEND 24 HOURS A DAY WITH A PARROT!

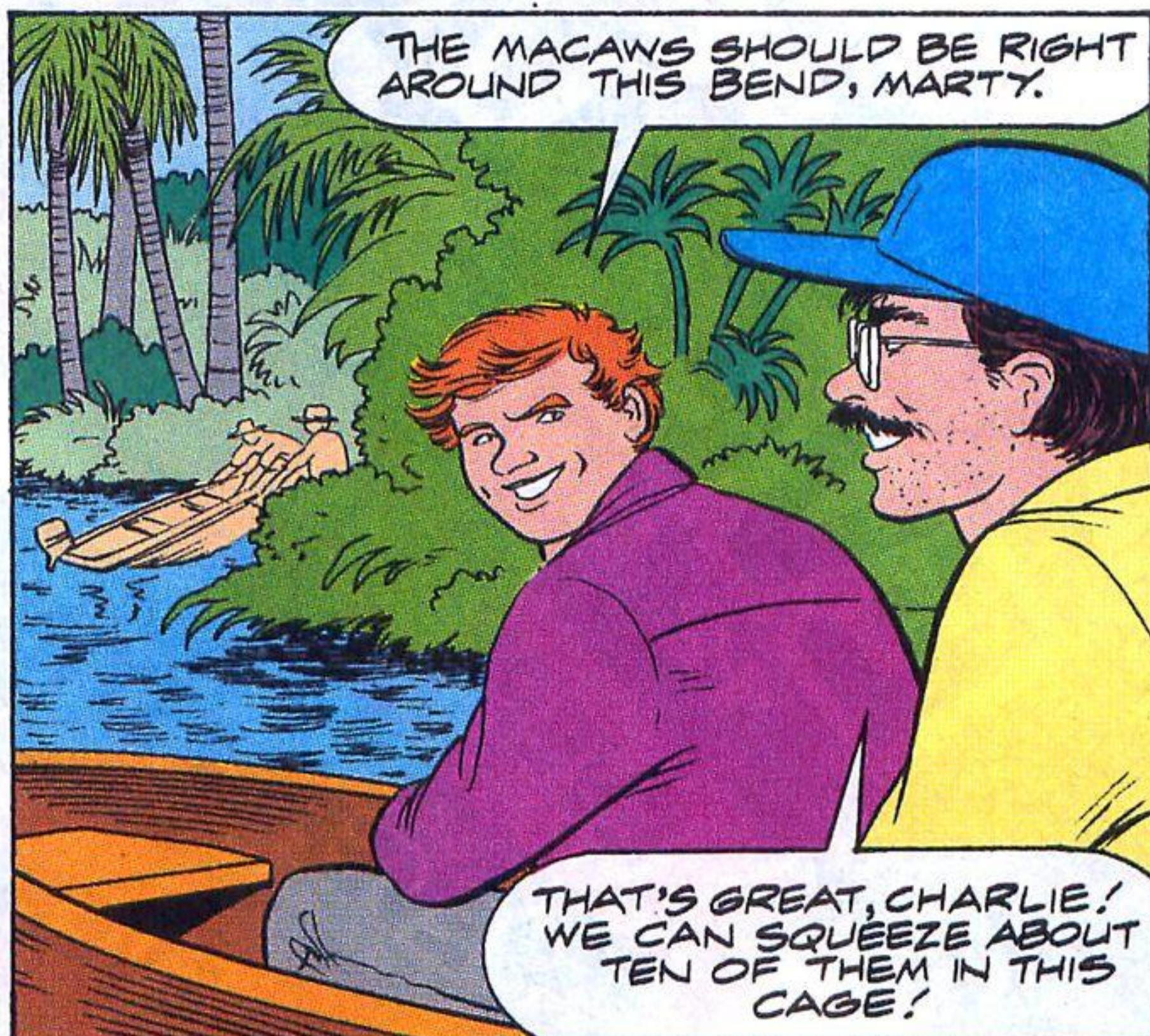


WILD PARROTS NEED TO FLY FREE, NOT BE STUCK IN CAGES.



SHHH--I THINK I HEAR SOMETHING, ROGER!

THE MACAWS SHOULD BE RIGHT AROUND THIS BEND, MARTY.

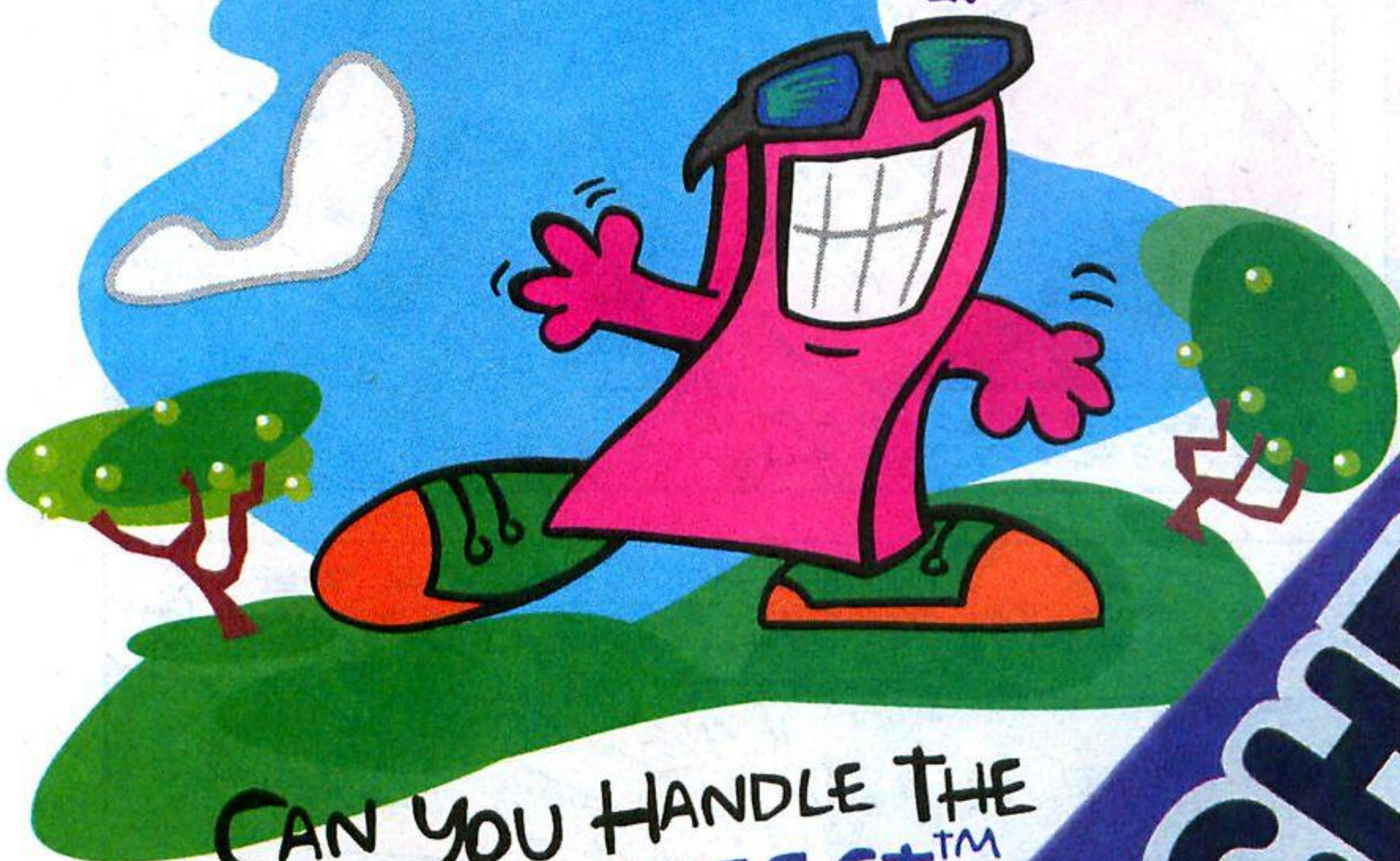


THAT'S GREAT, CHARLIE! WE CAN SQUEEZE ABOUT TEN OF THEM IN THIS CAGE!

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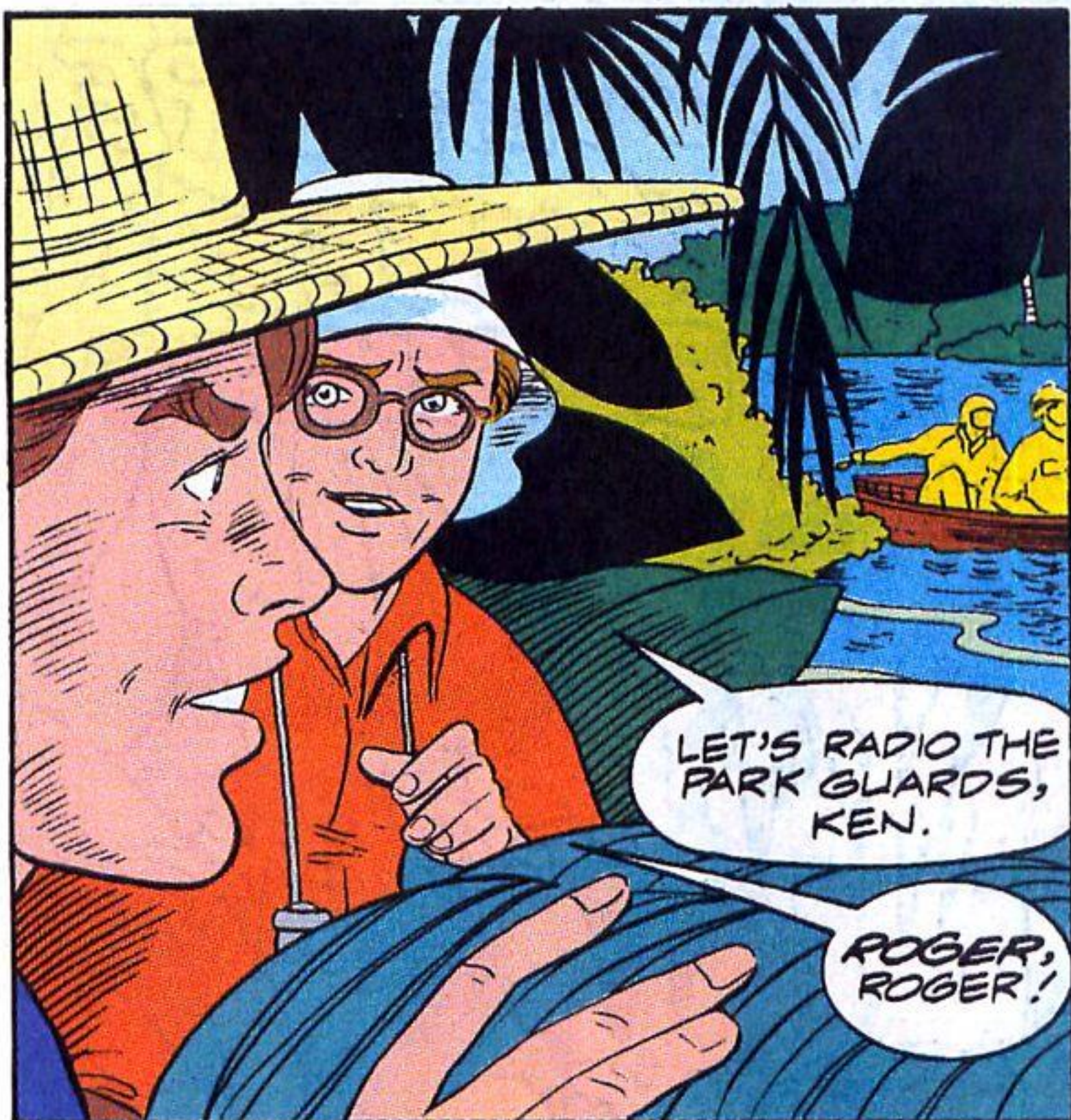
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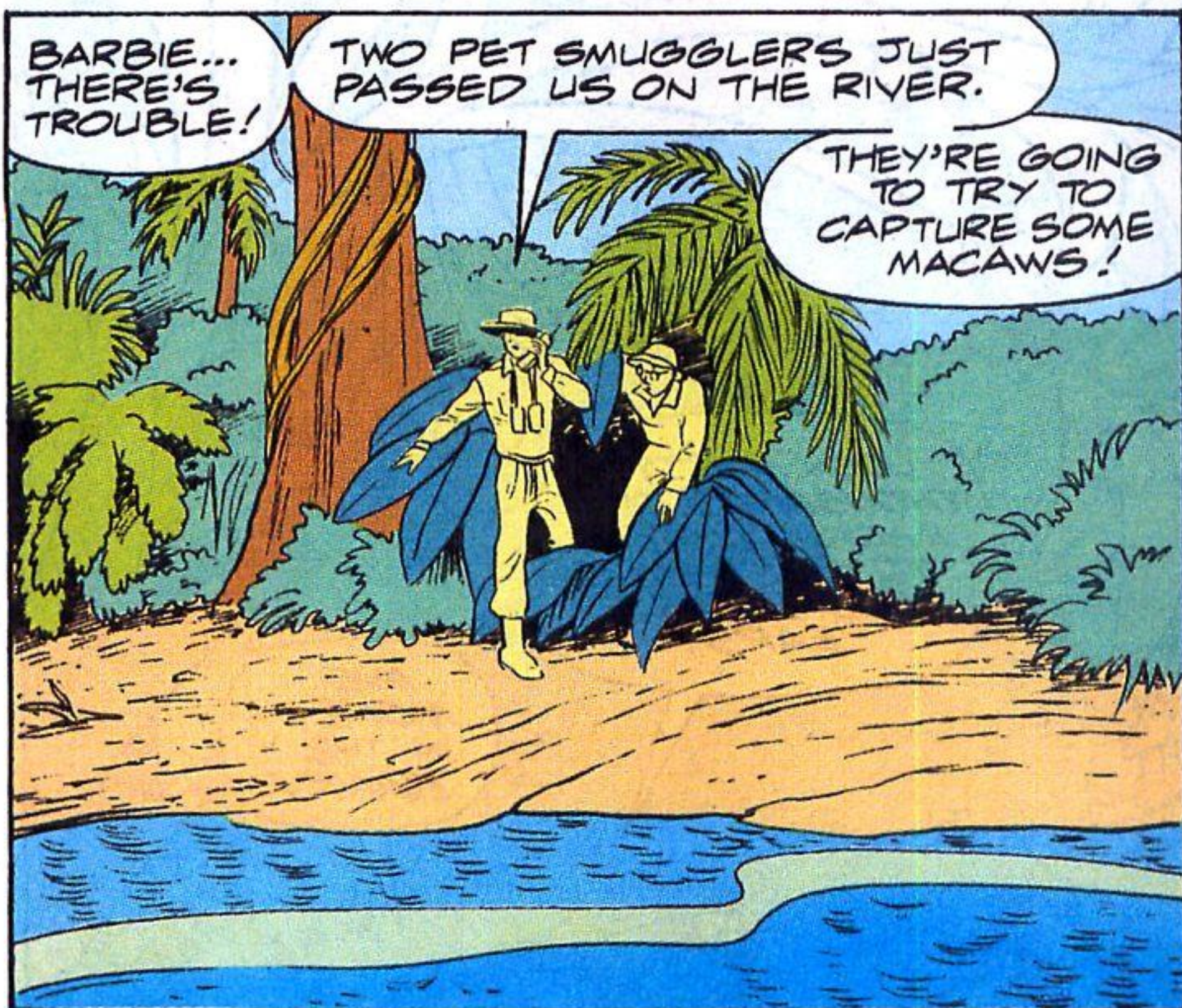
LET'S RADIO THE
PARK GUARDS,
KEN.

ROGER,
ROGER!



BUT FIRST, WE NEED TO
DO SOMETHING TO STOP
THEM UNTIL THE GUARDS
ARRIVE.

MAYBE BARBIE
CAN HELP.



BARBIE...
THERE'S
TROUBLE!

TWO PET SMUGGLERS JUST
PASSED US ON THE RIVER.

THEY'RE GOING
TO TRY TO
CAPTURE SOME
MACAWS!



NOT IF I CAN
HELP IT!

THE PARK GUARDS
WILL BE THERE
SOON. BE
CAREFUL, BARBIE.



DON'T WORRY ABOUT A
THING, KEN! I'LL STOP THEM!



BUT
HOW...?

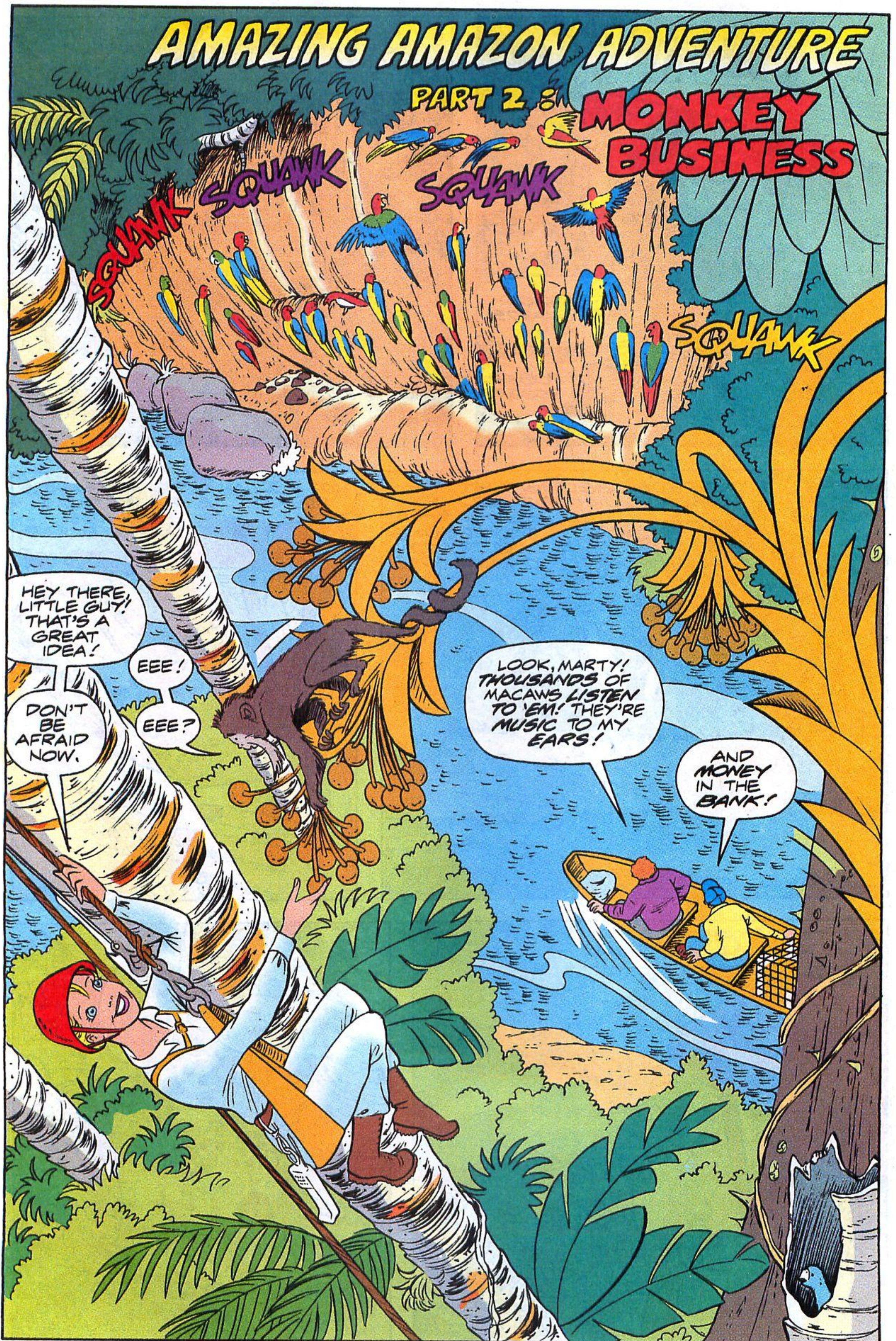
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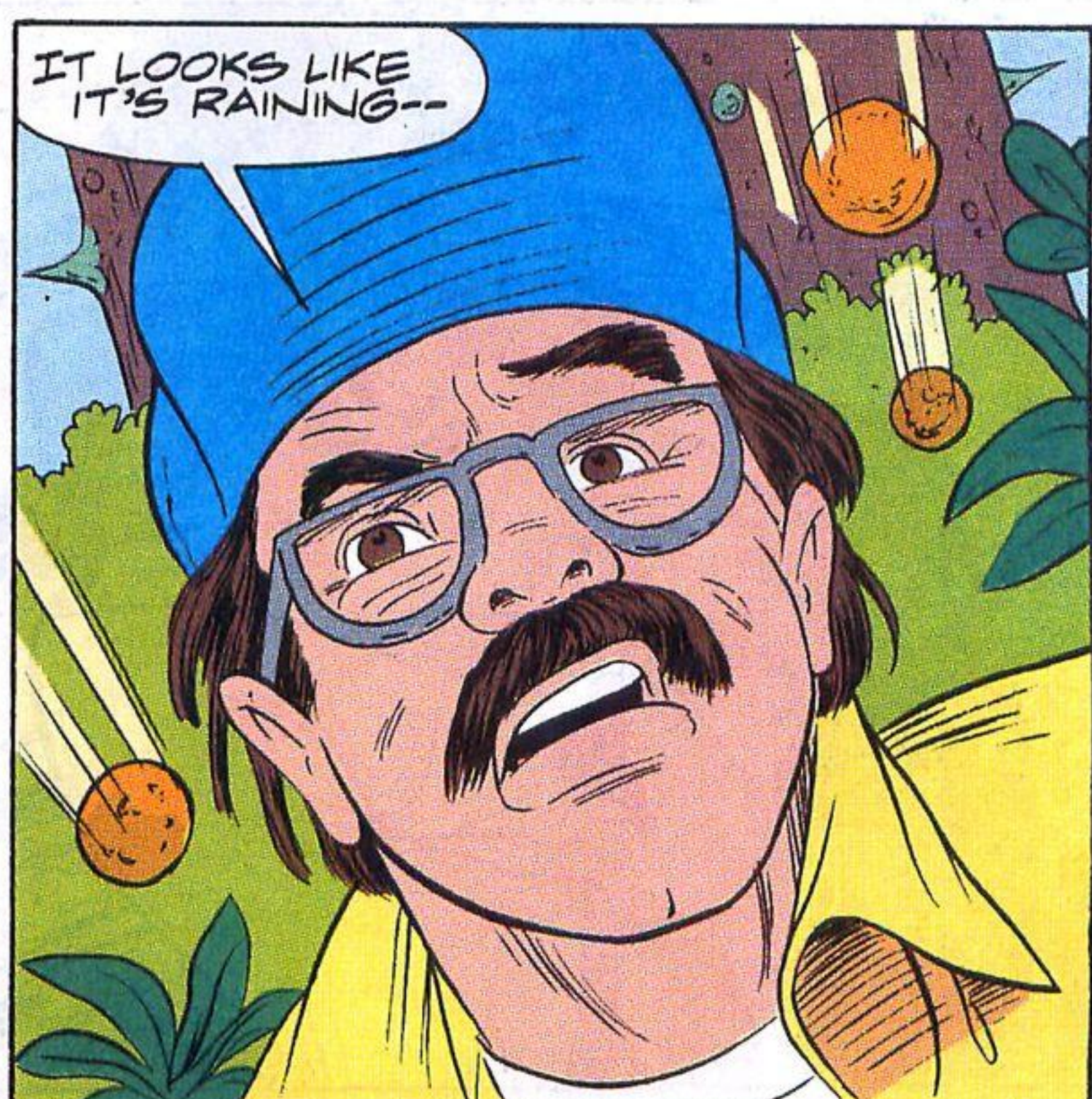
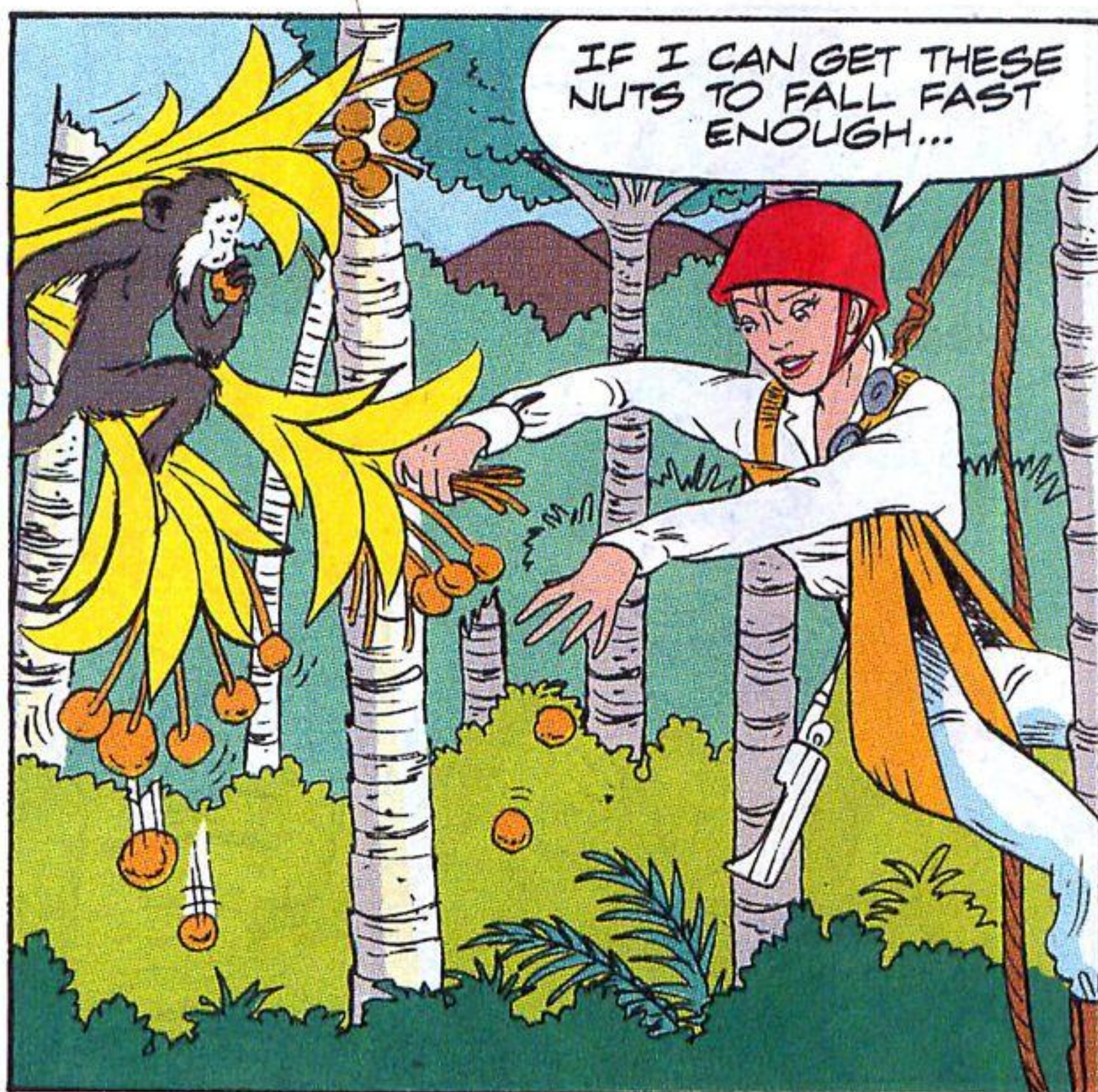
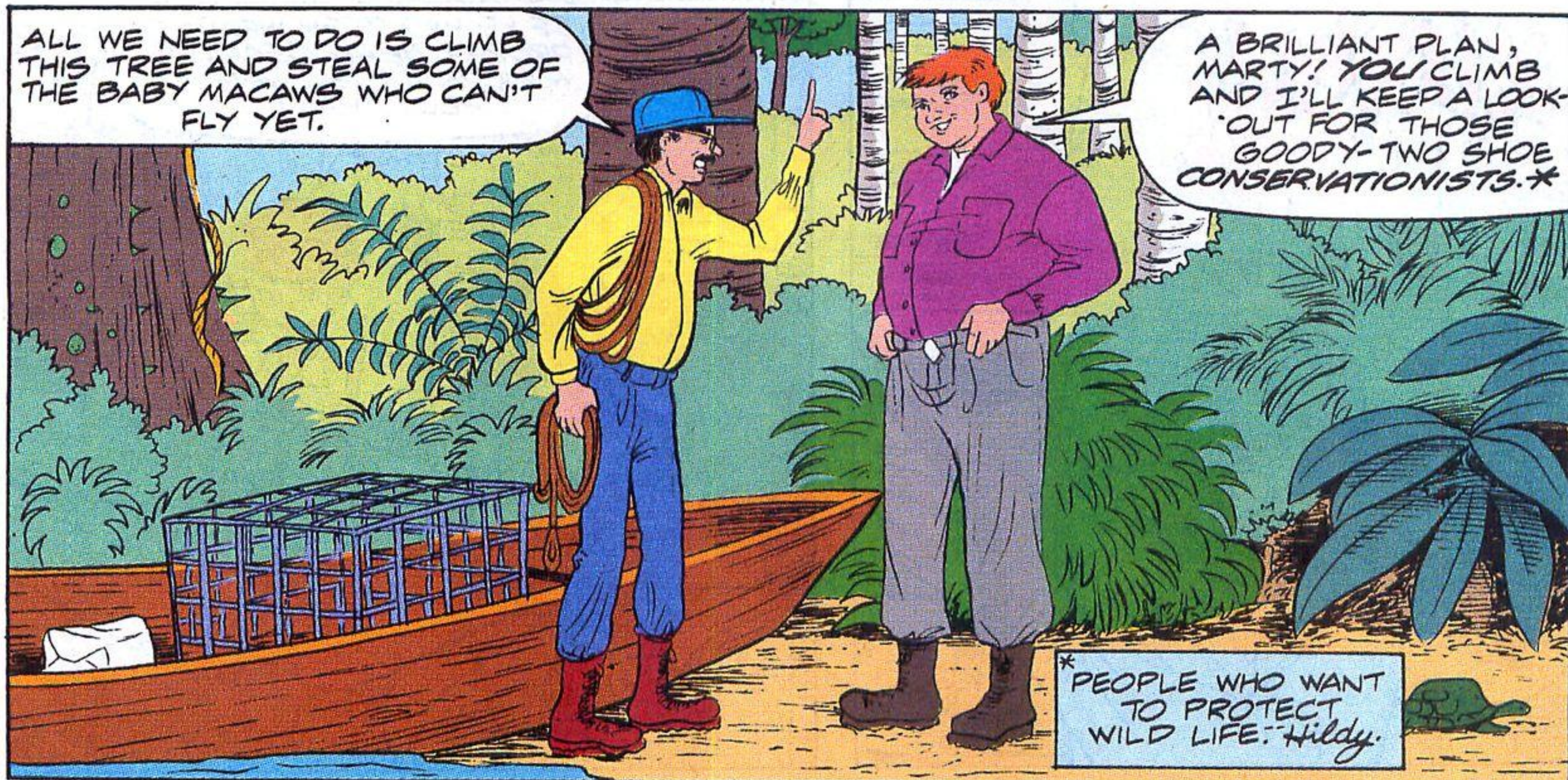
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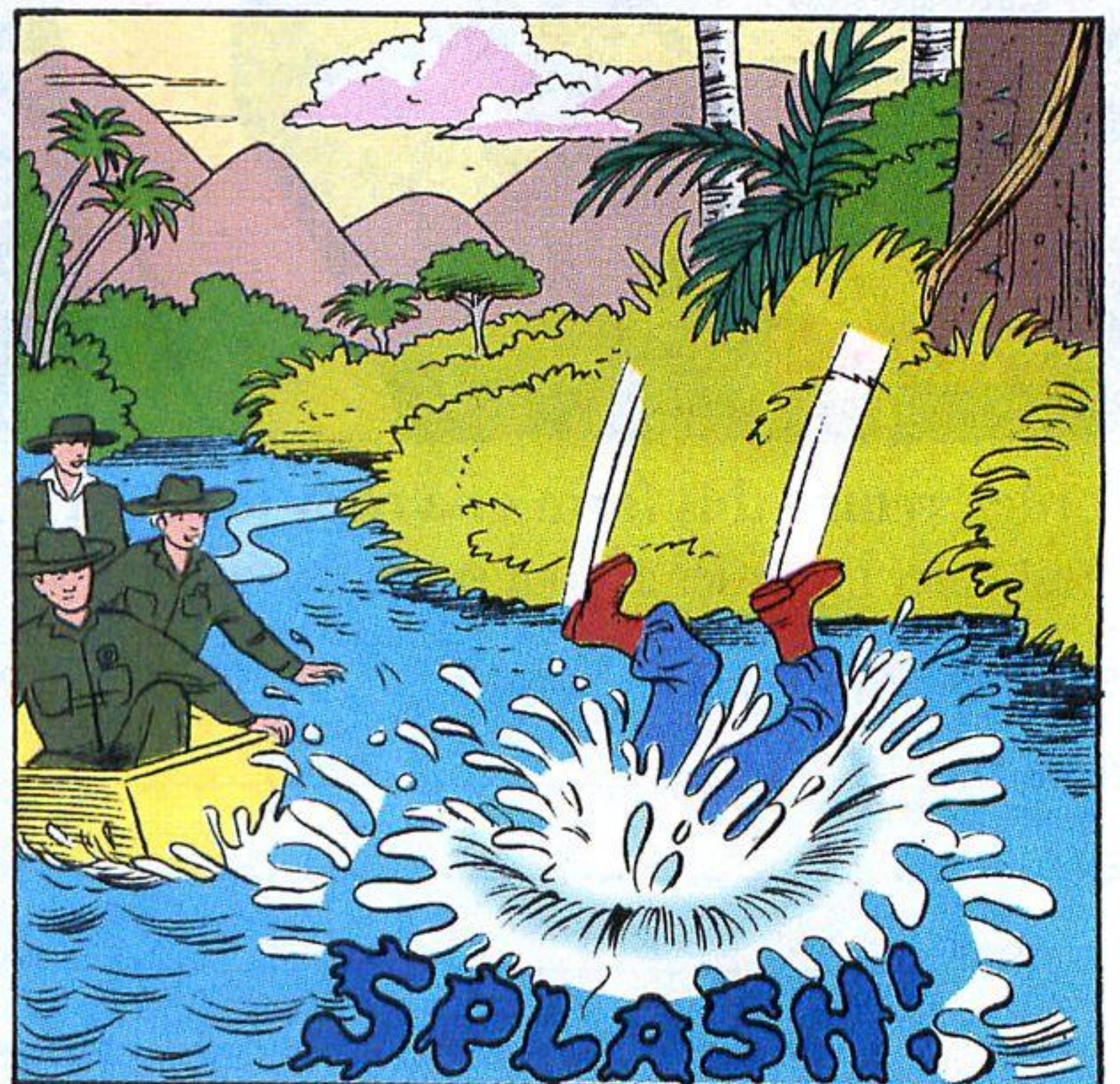
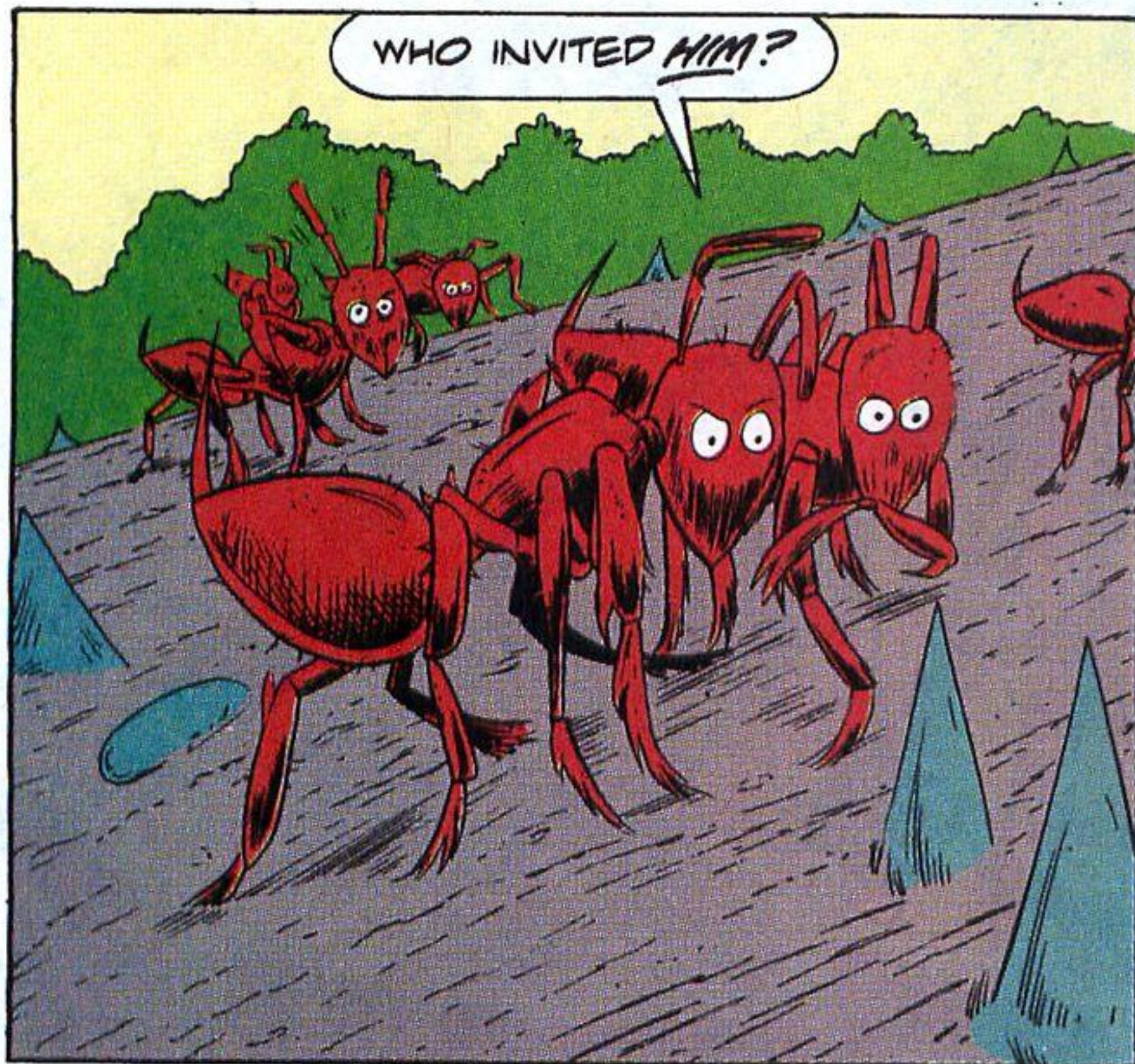
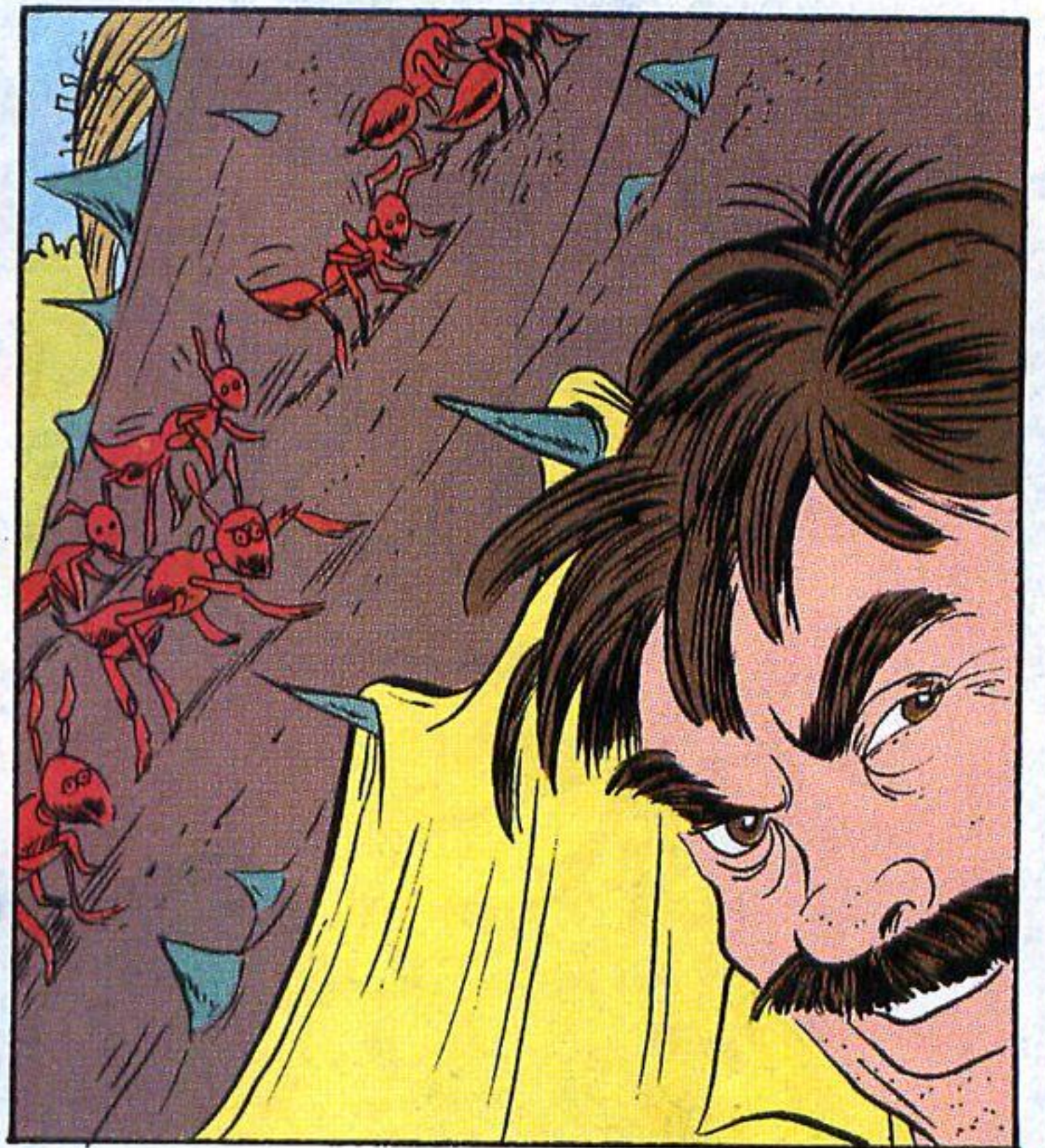
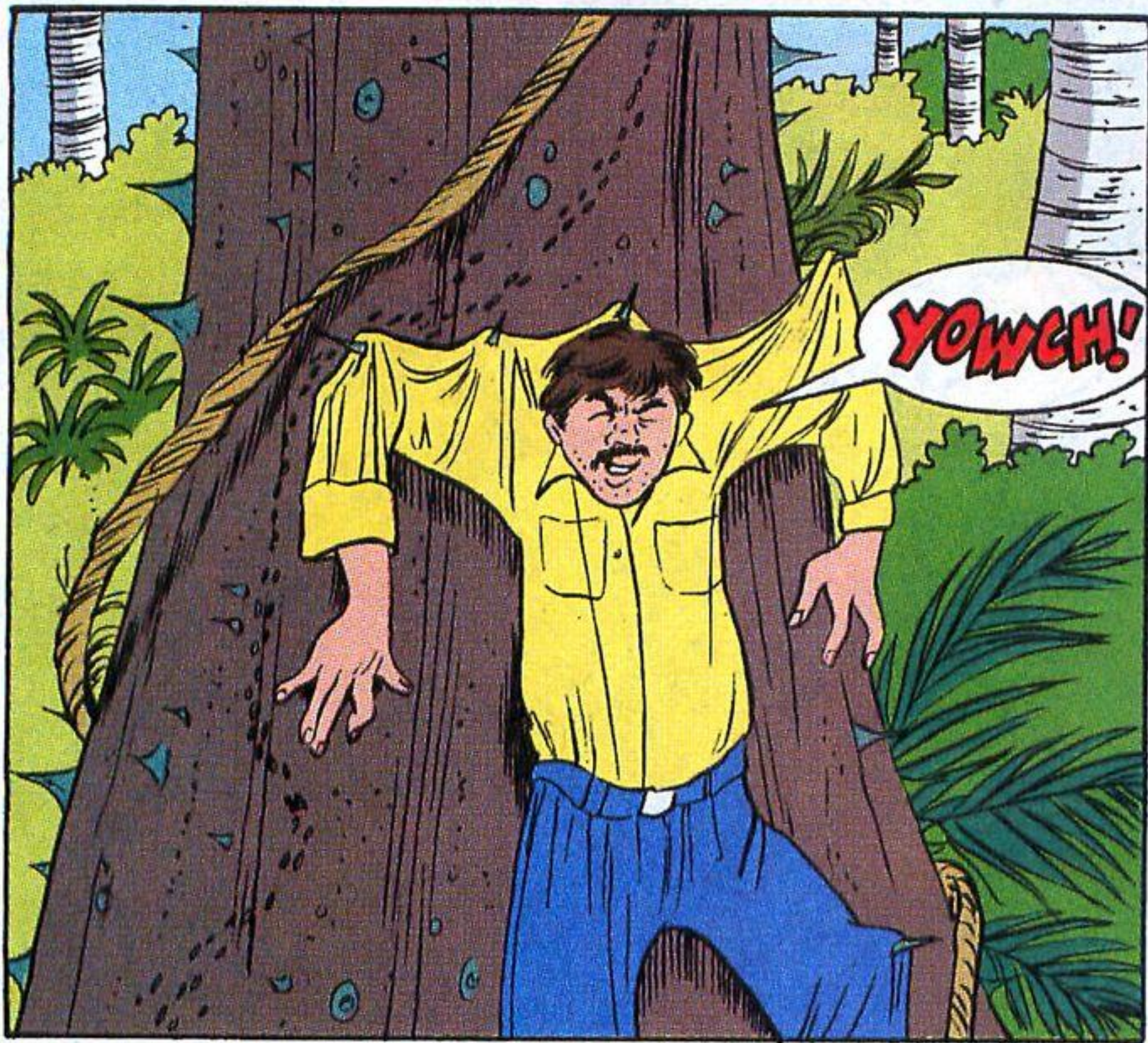
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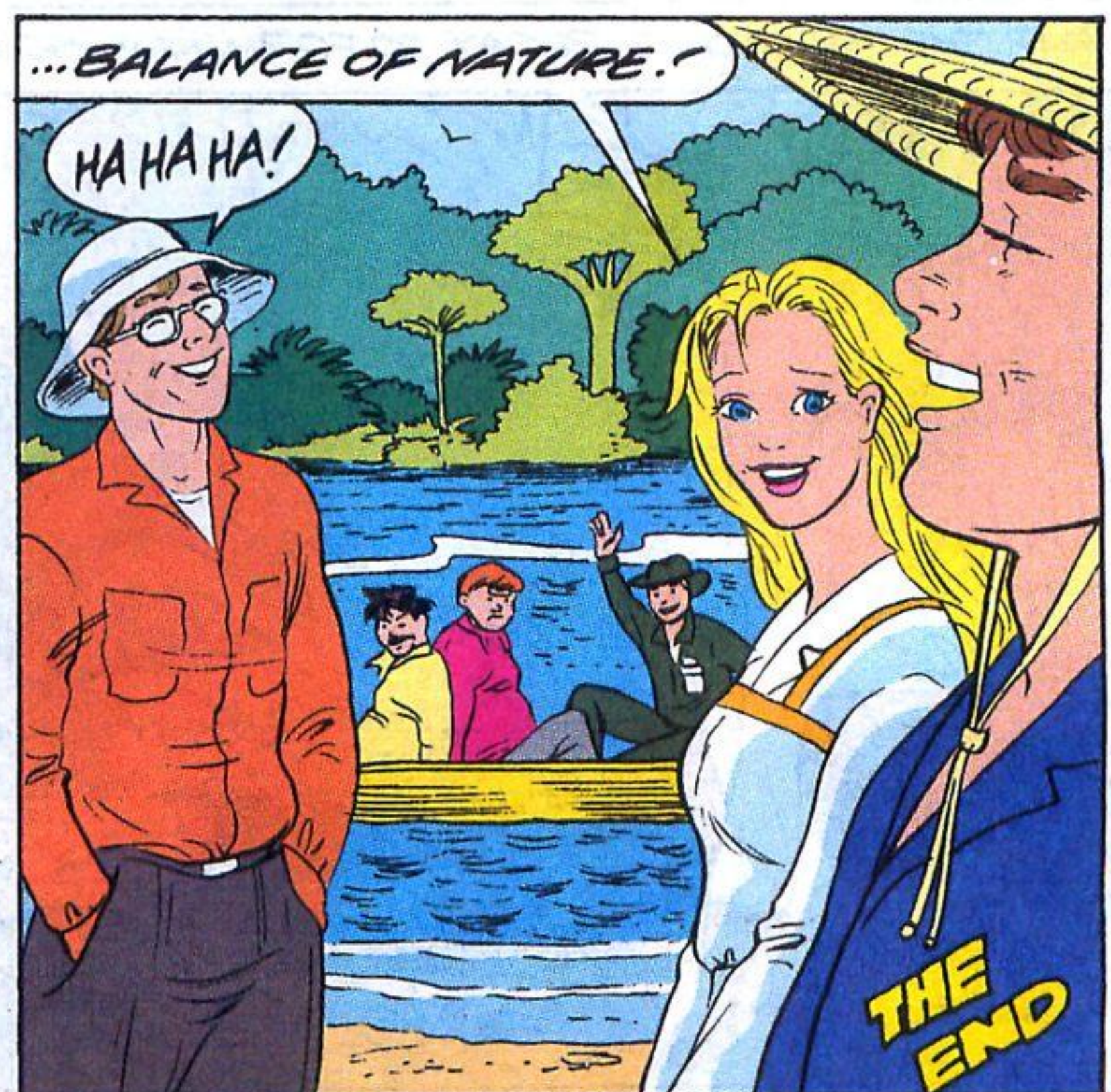
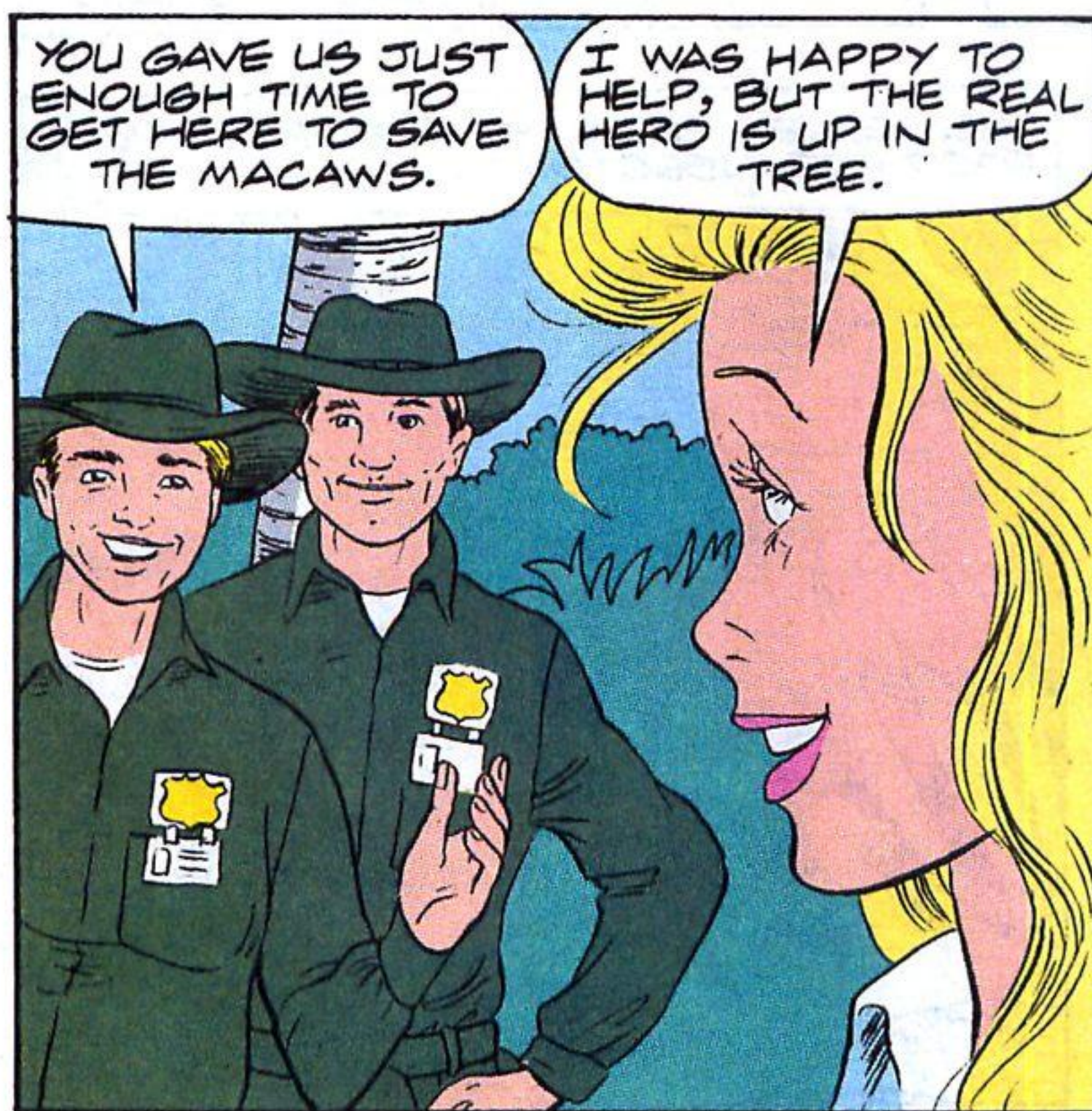
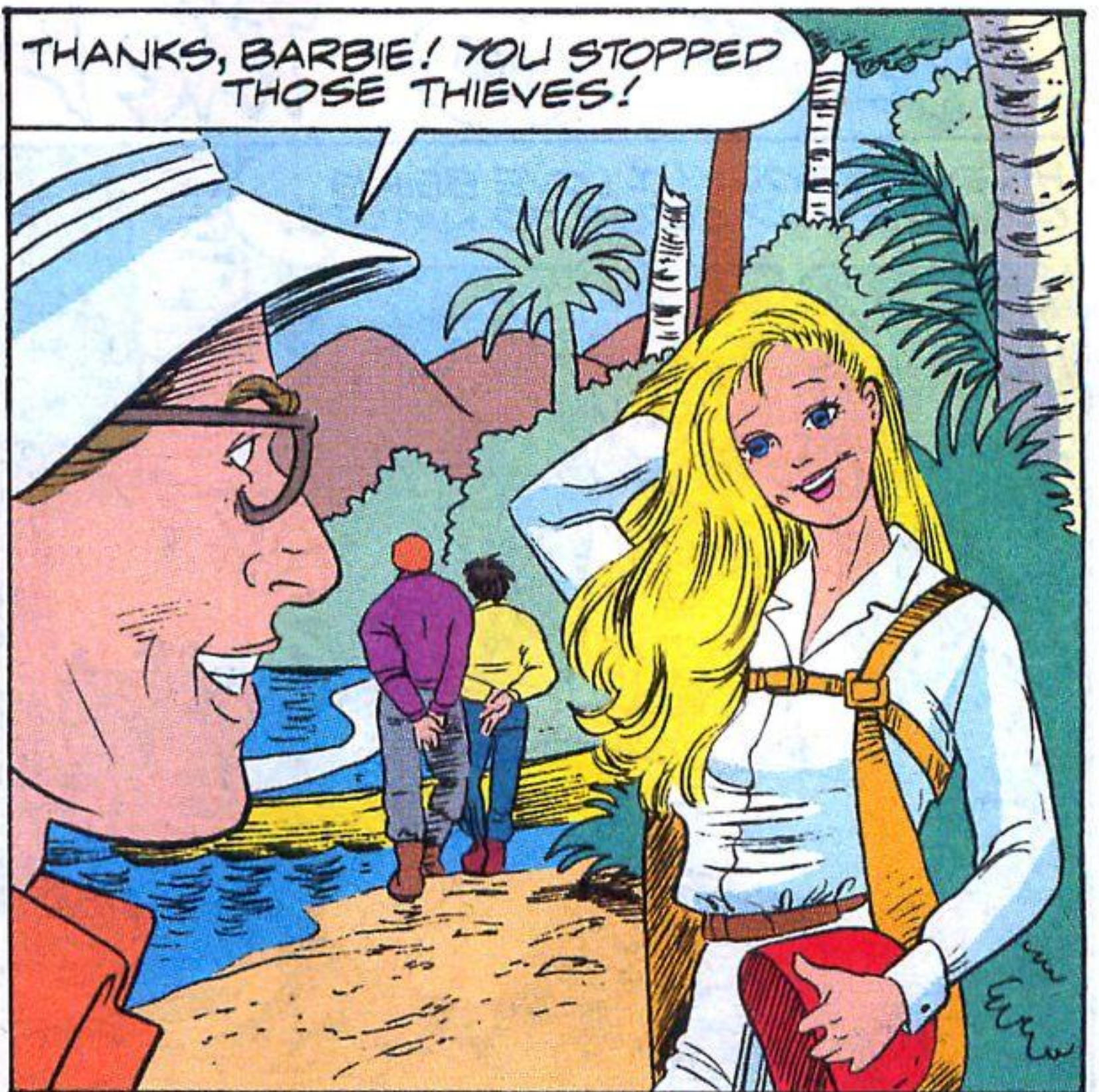
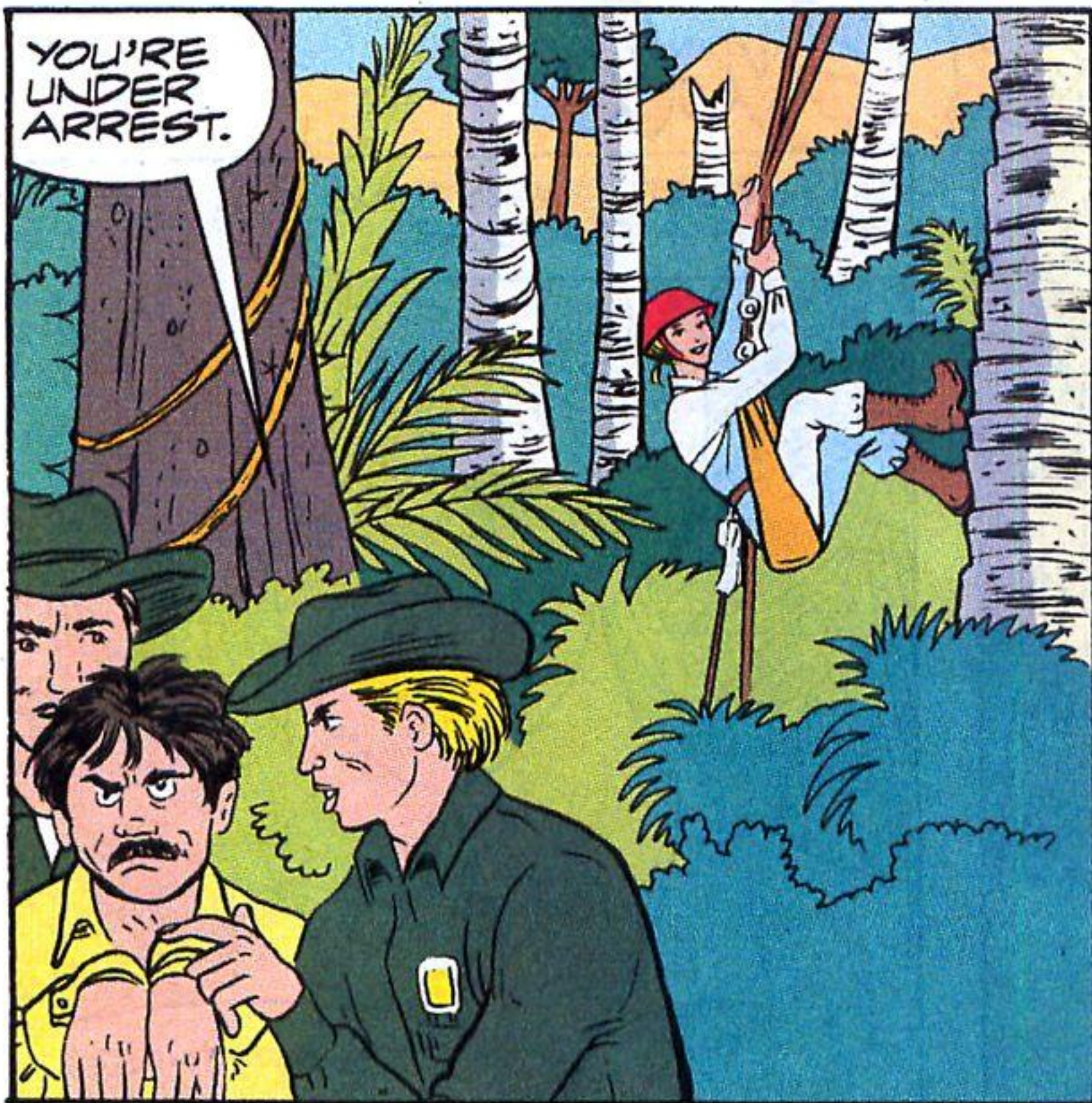
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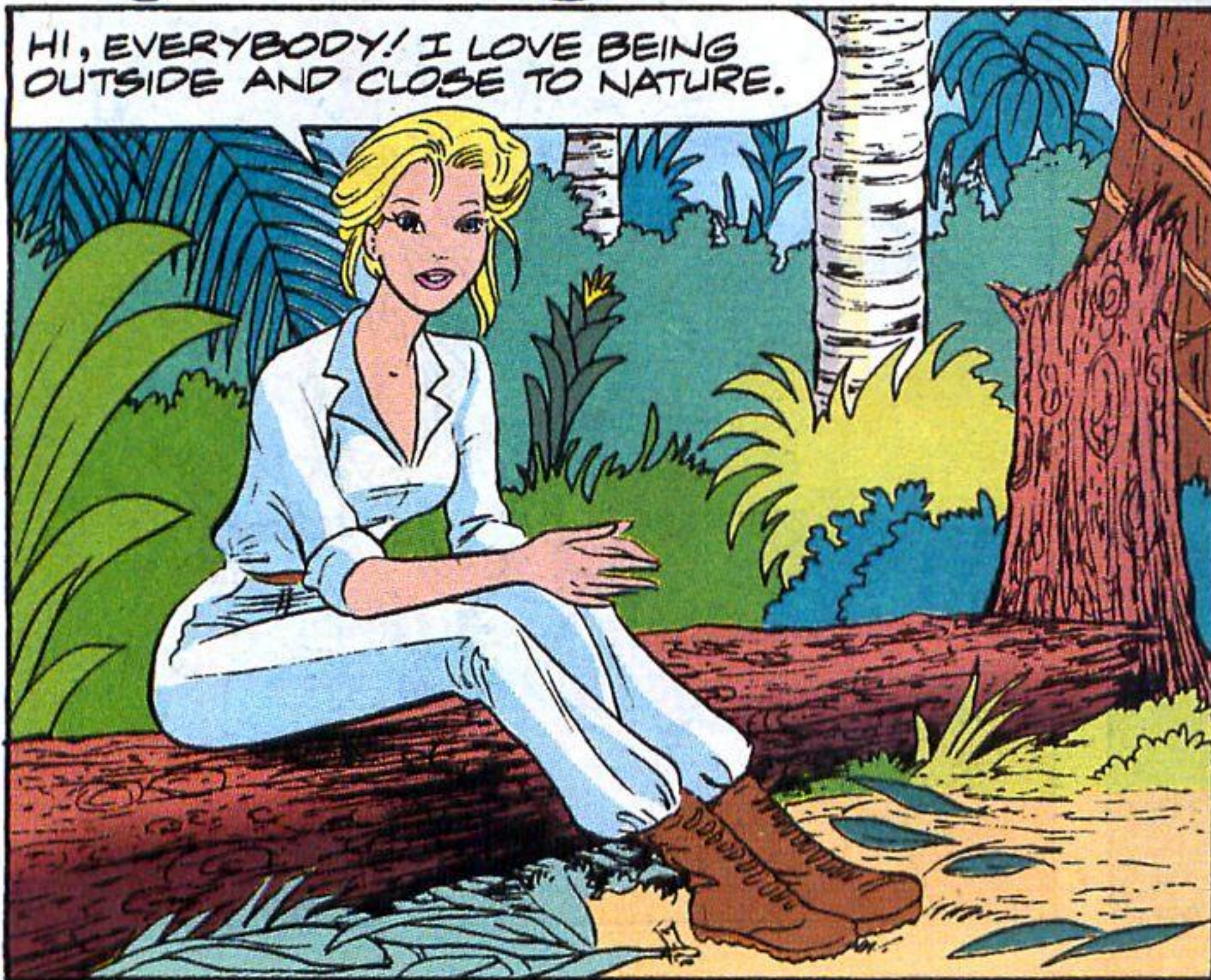


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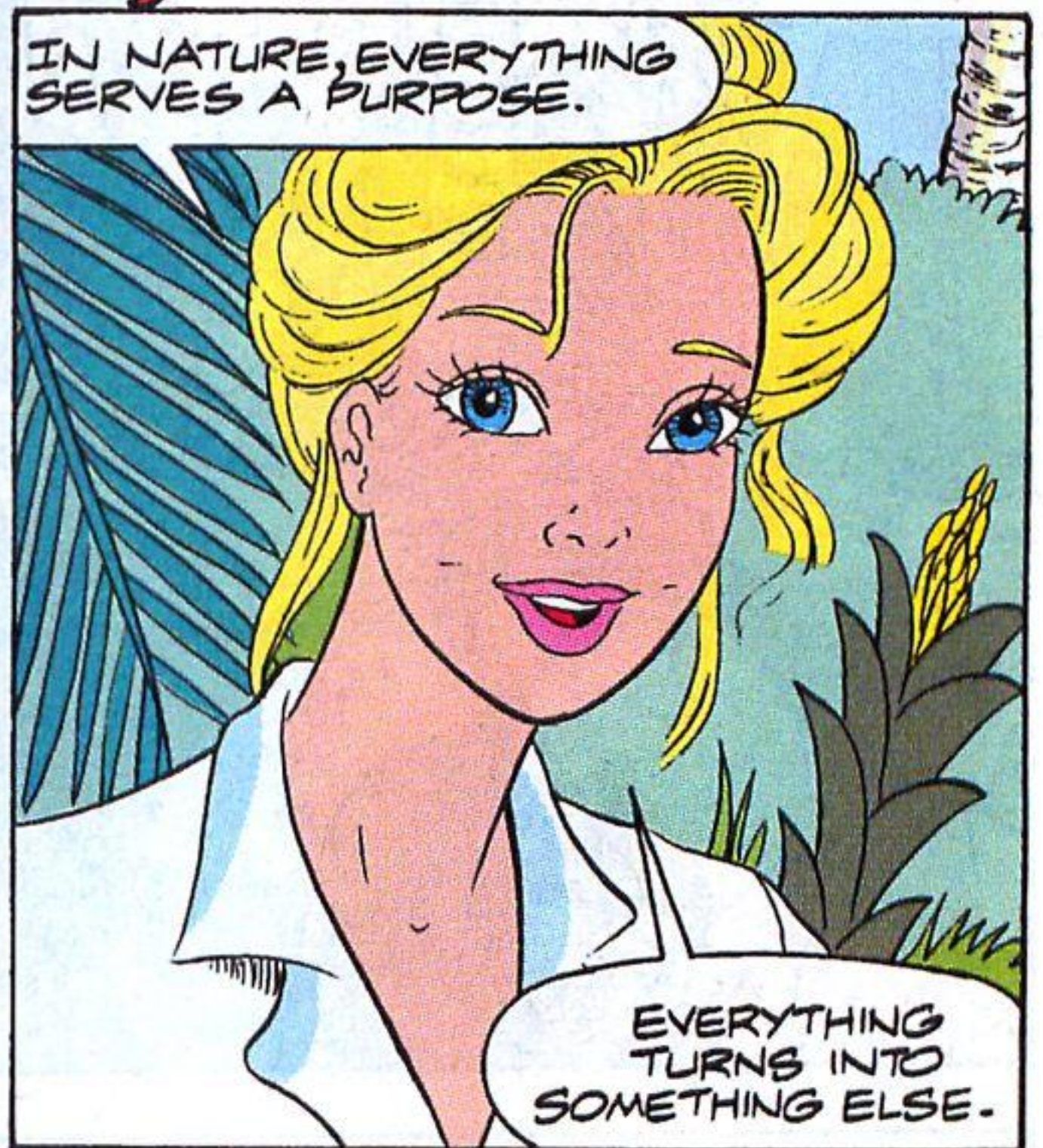
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The Food Cycle

HI, EVERYBODY! I LOVE BEING OUTSIDE AND CLOSE TO NATURE.

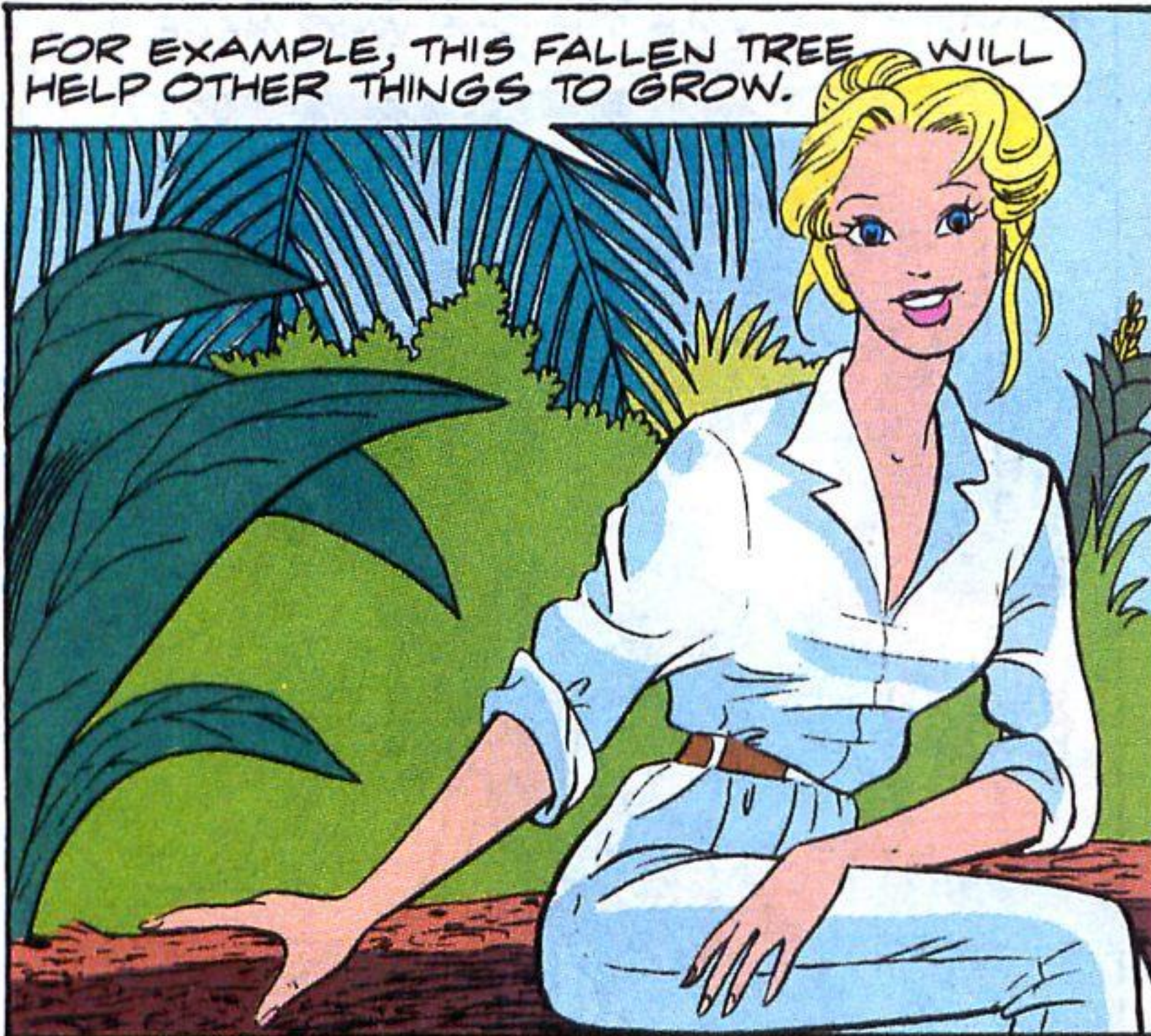


IN NATURE, EVERYTHING SERVES A PURPOSE.



EVERYTHING TURNS INTO SOMETHING ELSE.

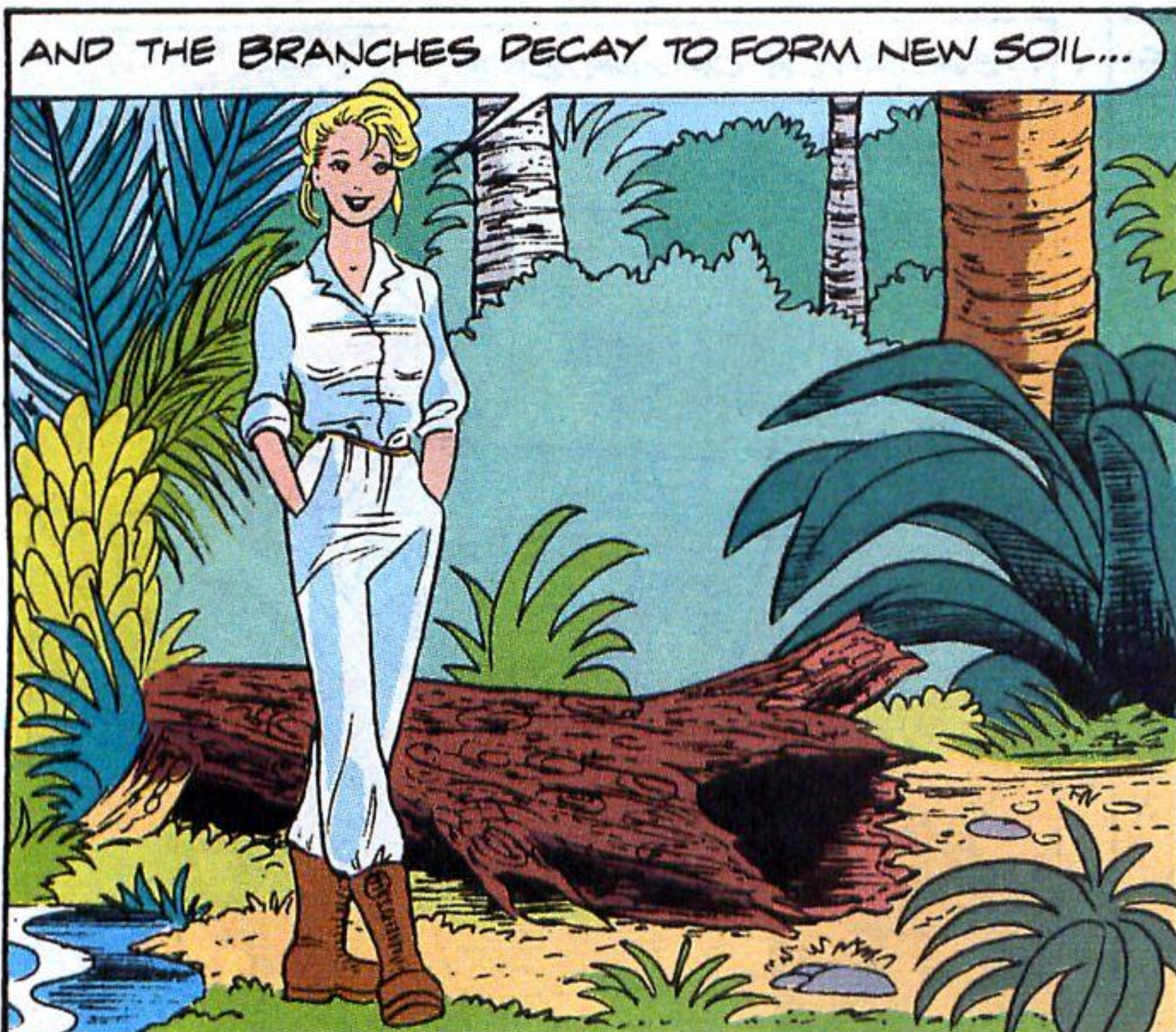
FOR EXAMPLE, THIS FALLEN TREE WILL HELP OTHER THINGS TO GROW.



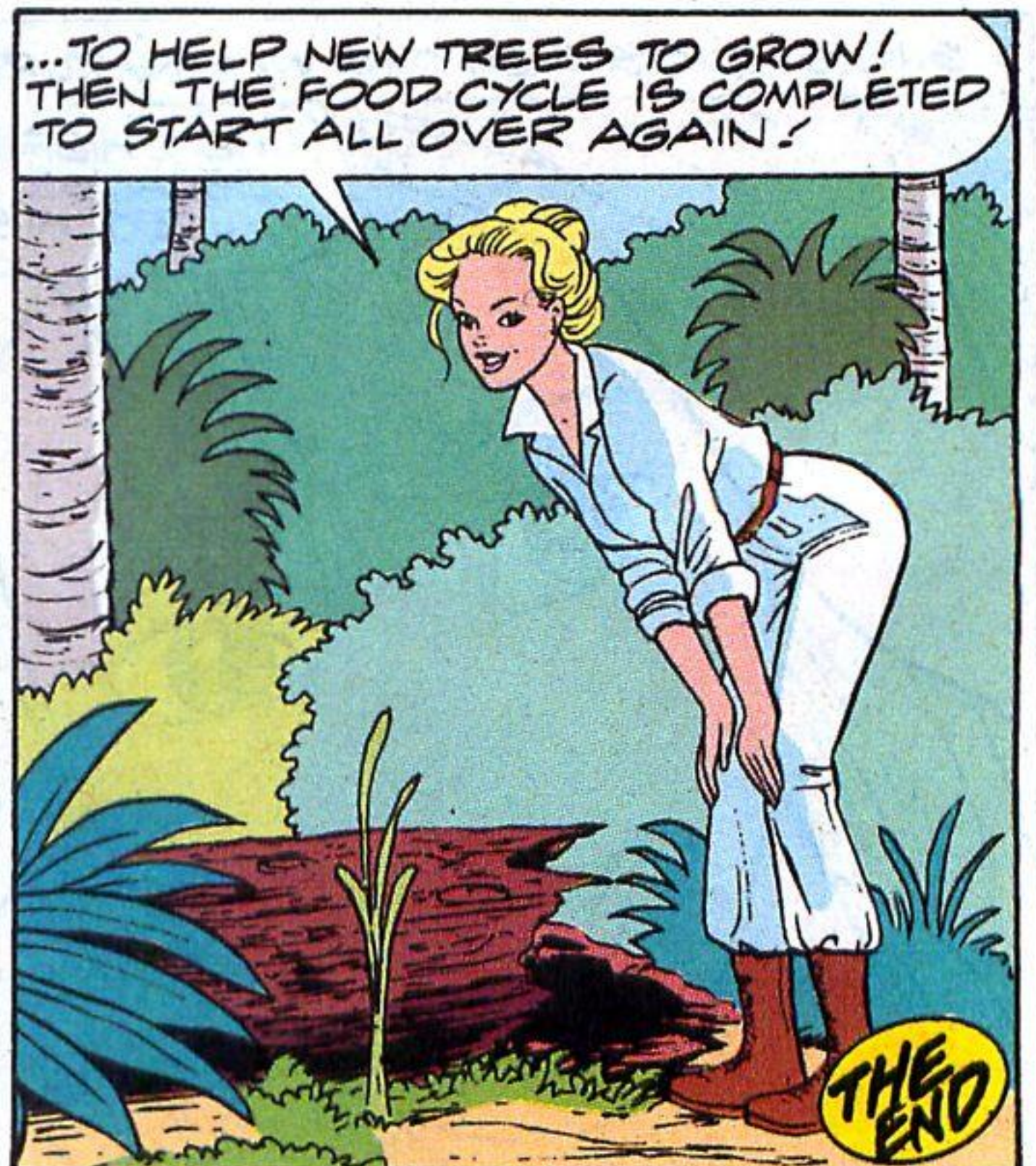
THE LEAVES FROM THE TREE PROVIDE FOOD FOR INSECTS...



AND THE BRANCHES DECAY TO FORM NEW SOIL...



...TO HELP NEW TREES TO GROW! THEN THE FOOD CYCLE IS COMPLETED TO START ALL OVER AGAIN!



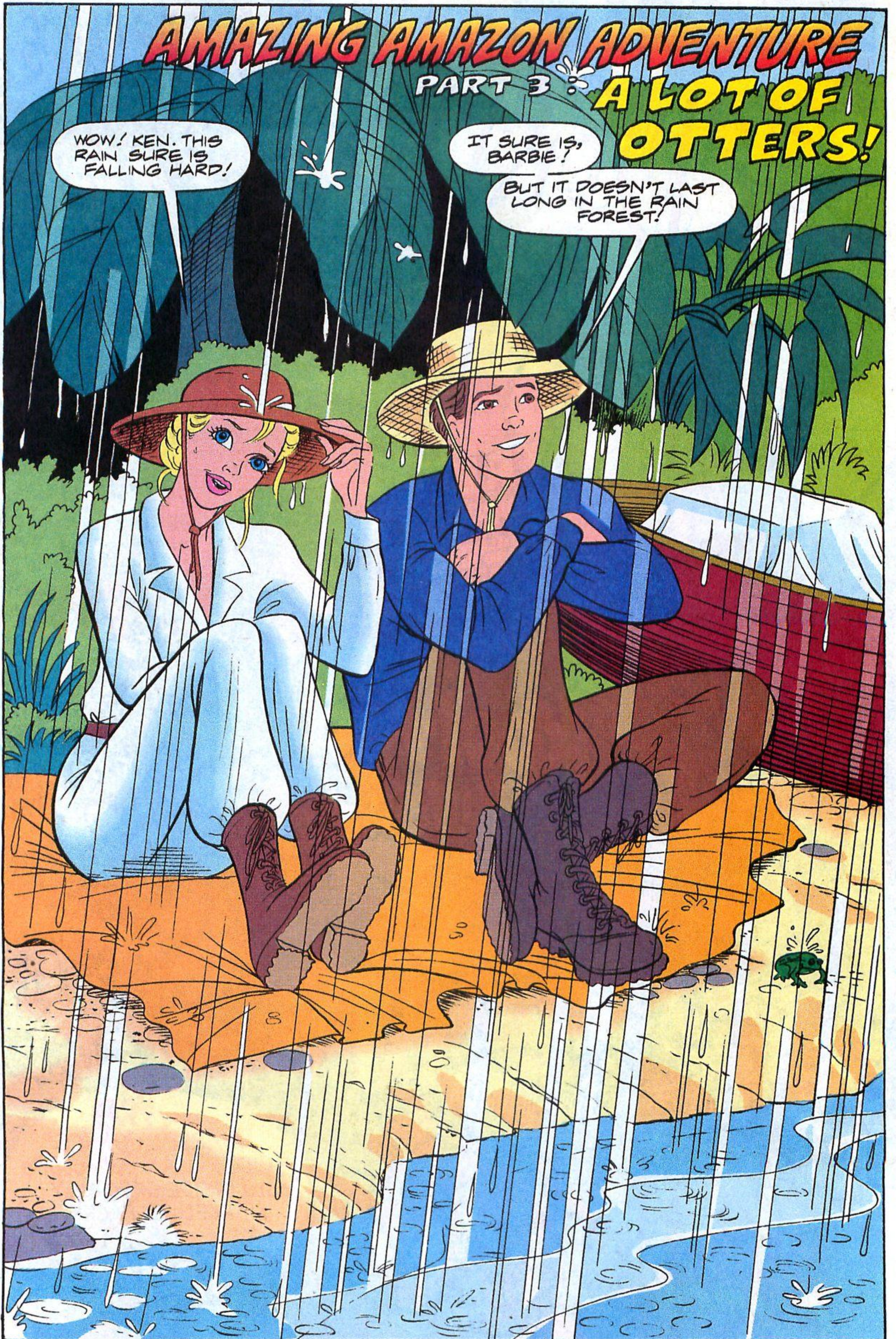
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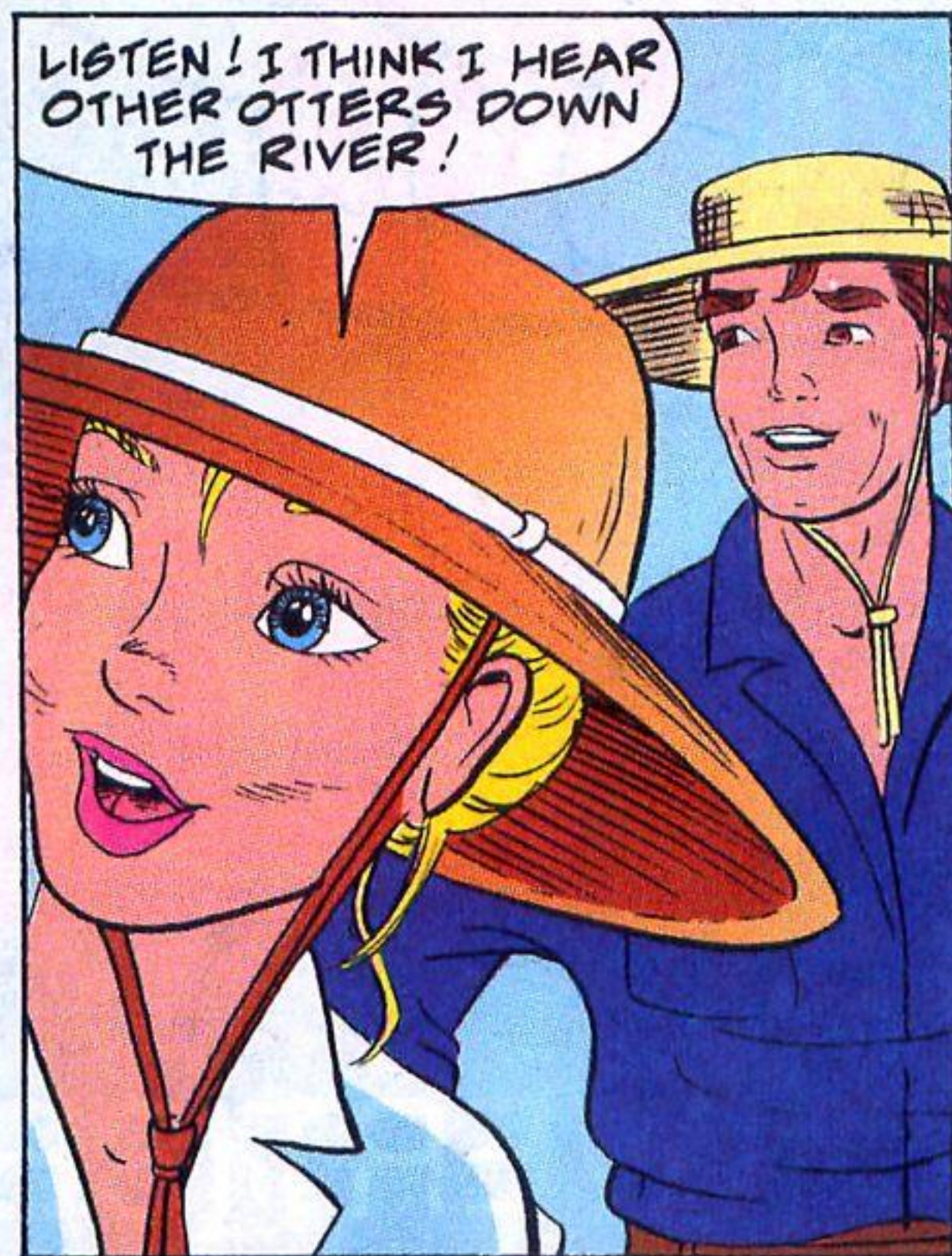
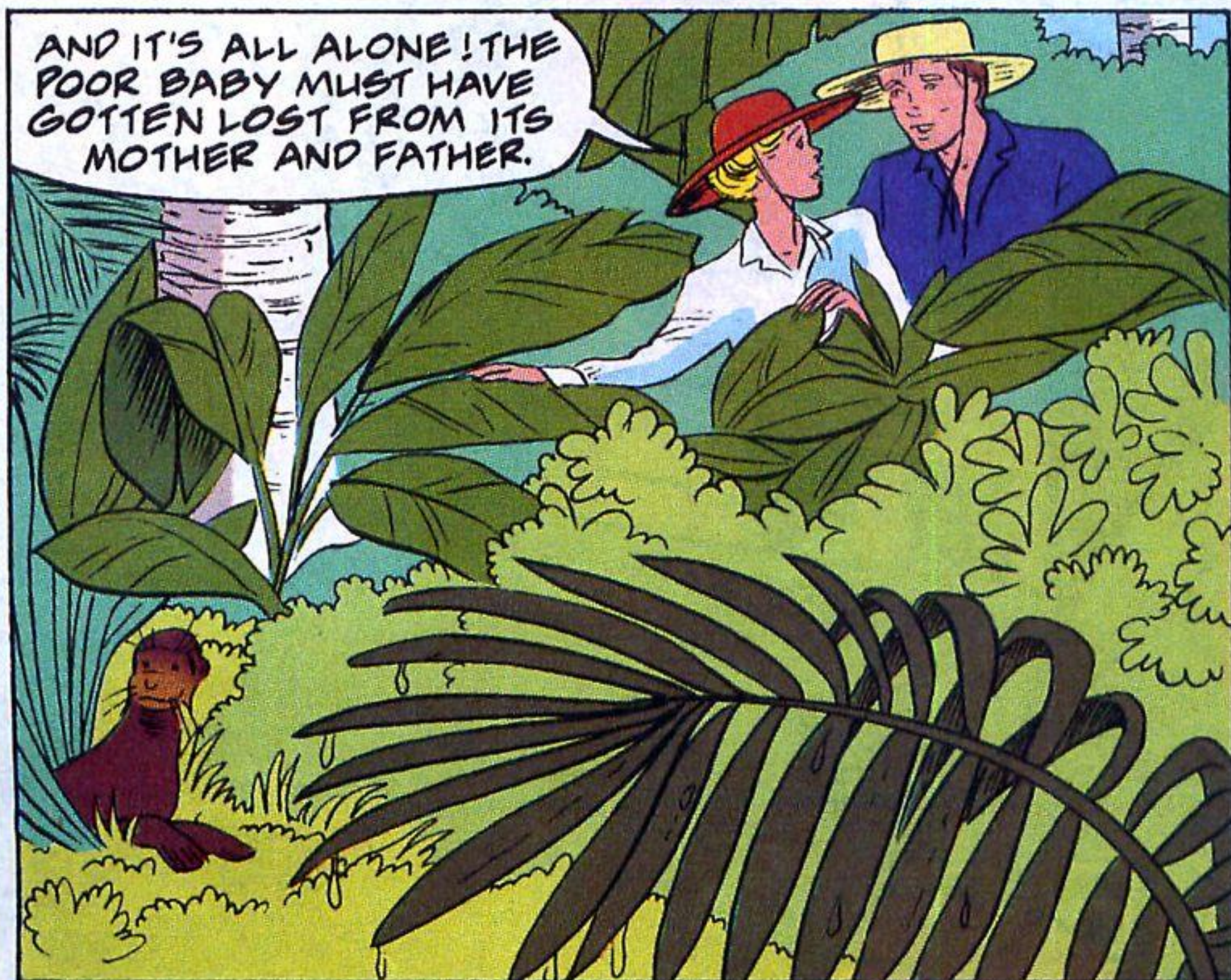
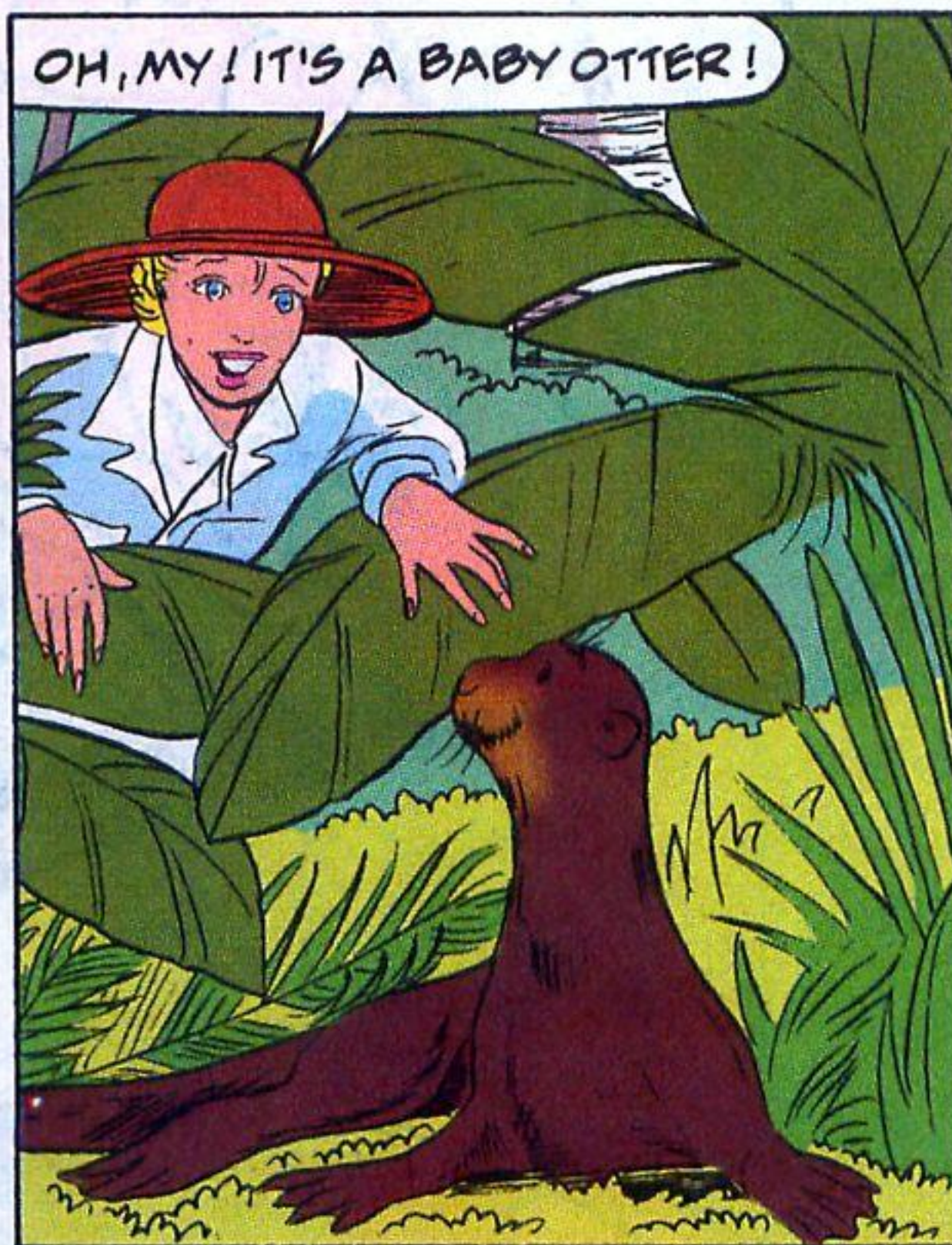
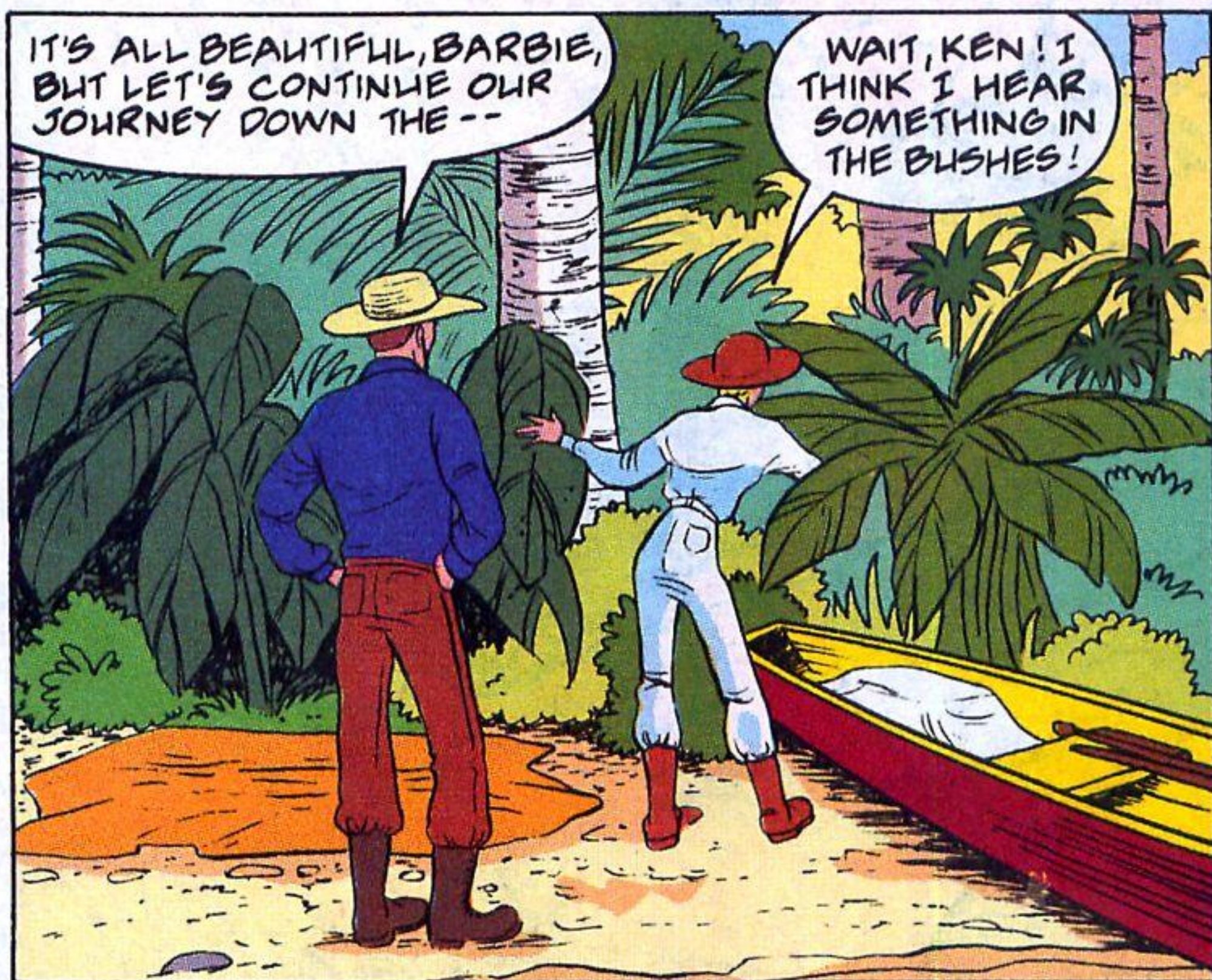
PART 3: A LOT OF OTTERS!

WOW! KEN. THIS RAIN SURE IS FALLING HARD!

IT SURE IS, BARBIE!

BUT IT DOESN'T LAST LONG IN THE RAIN FOREST.





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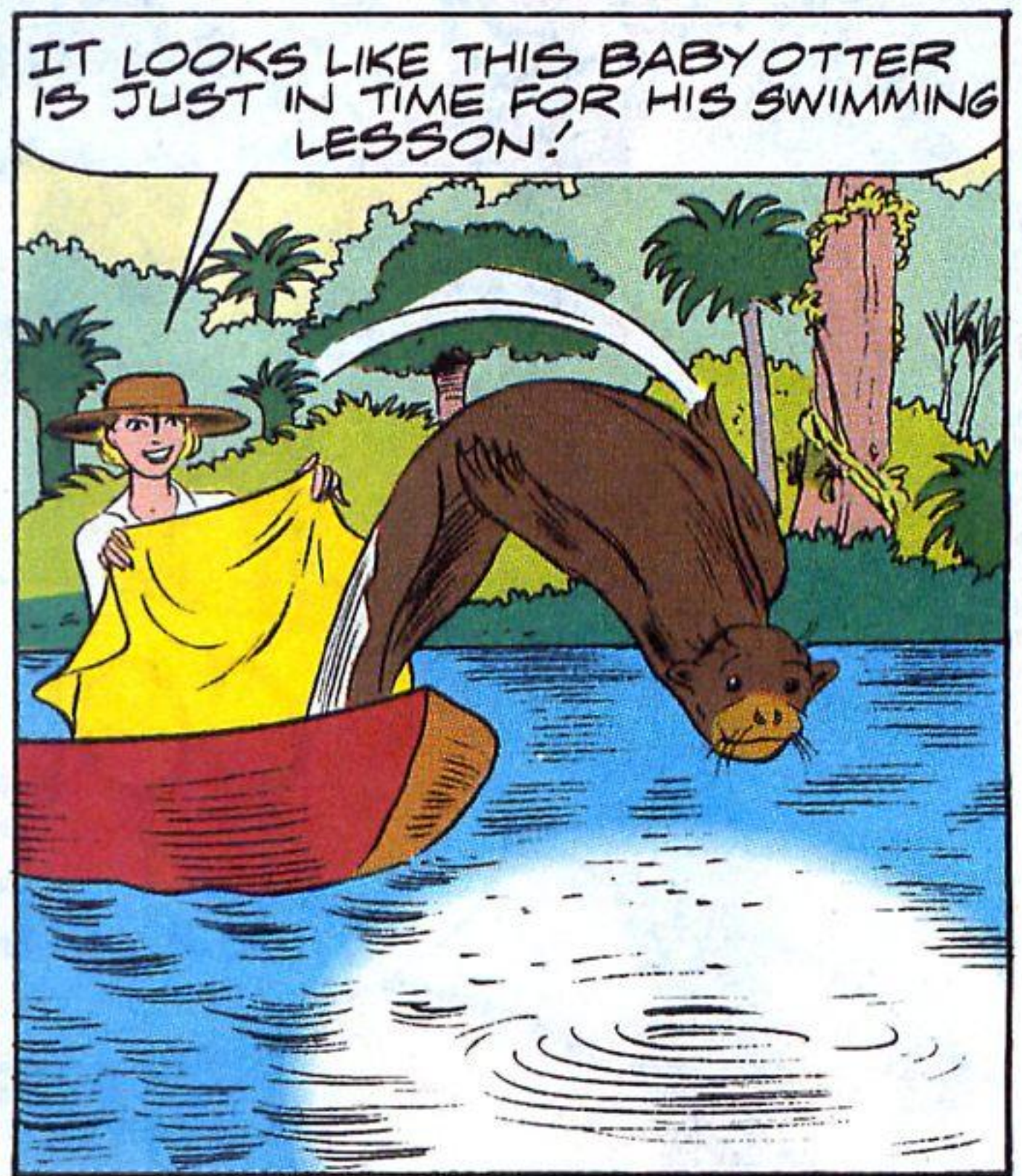
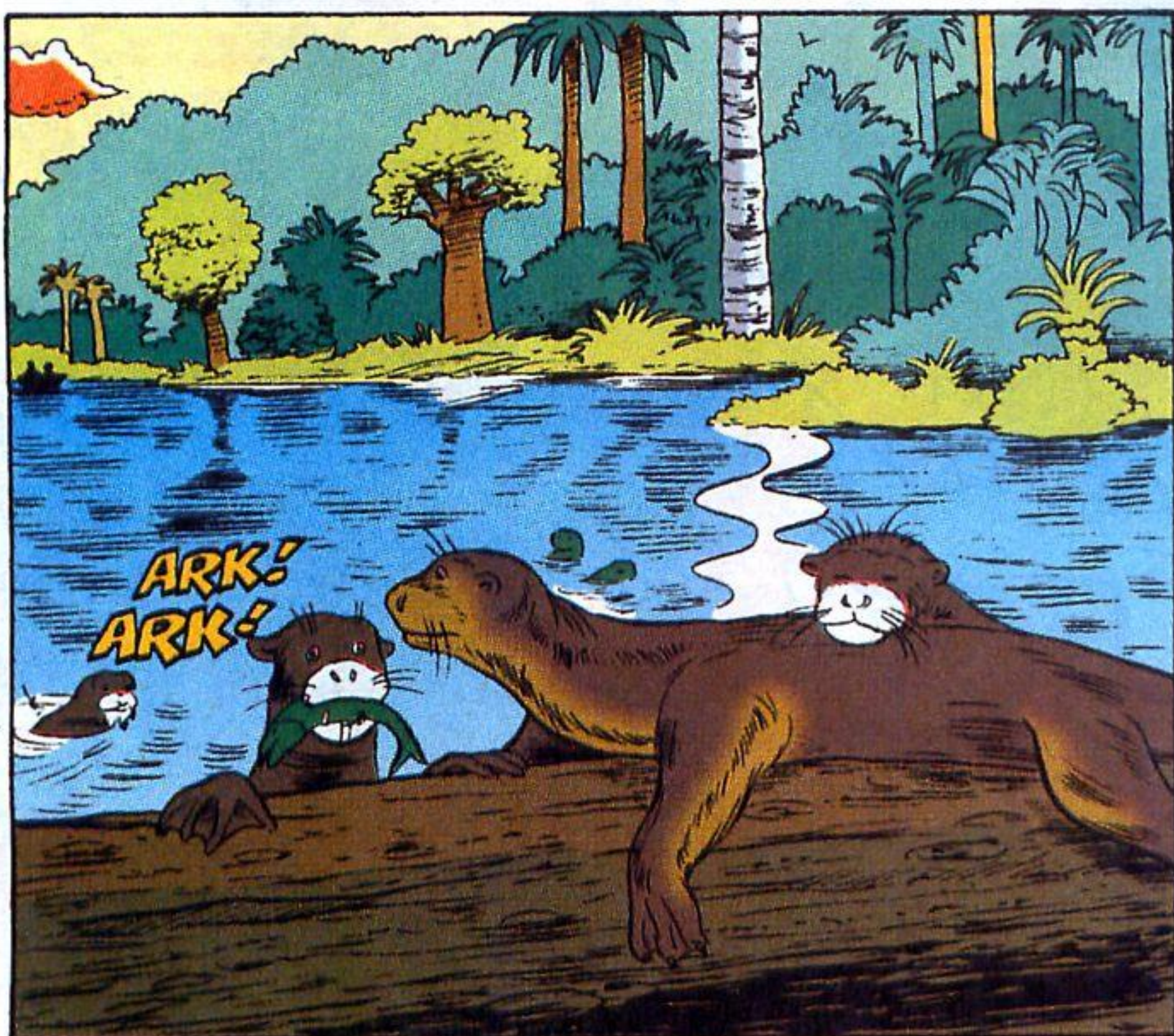
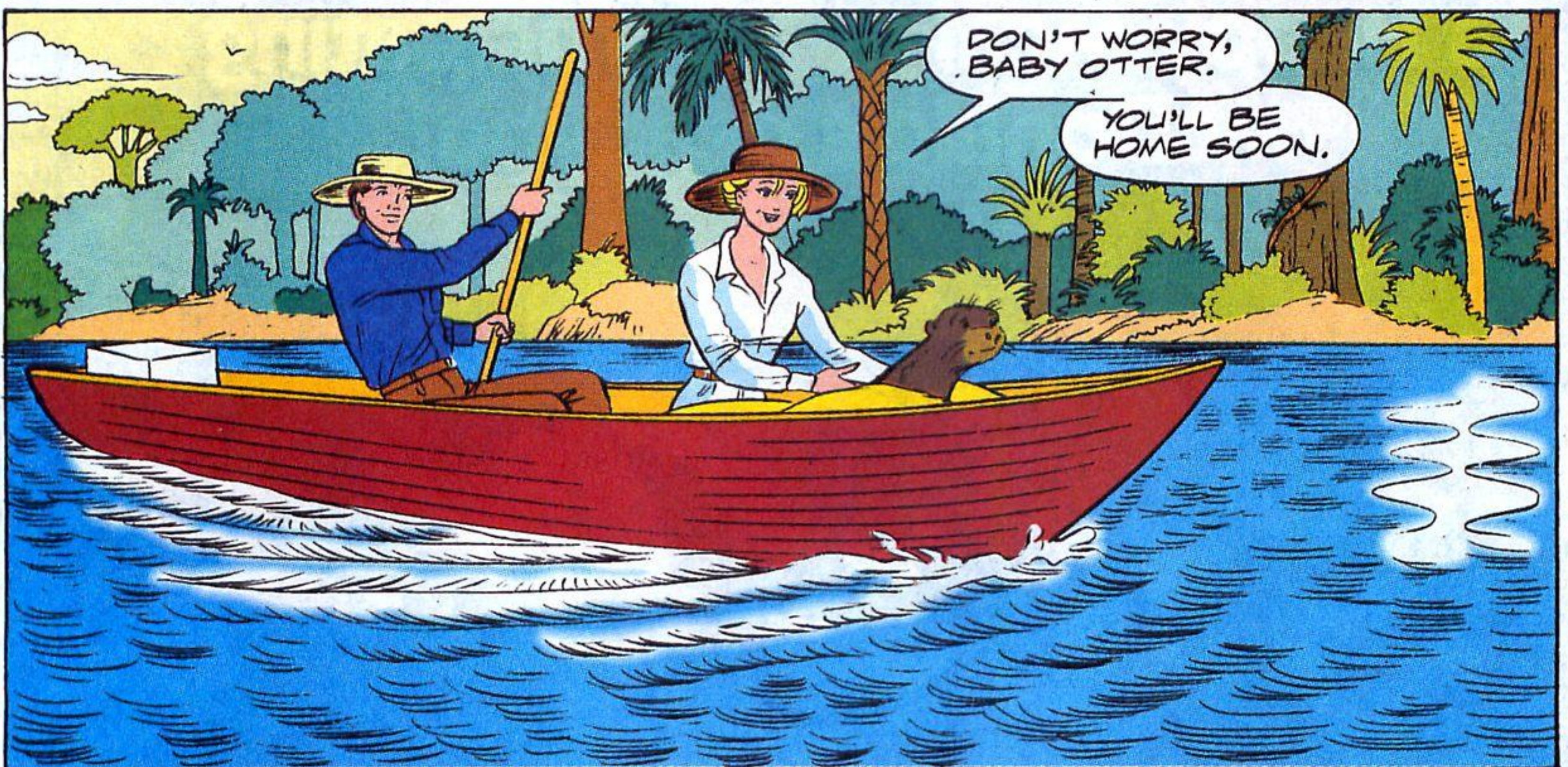
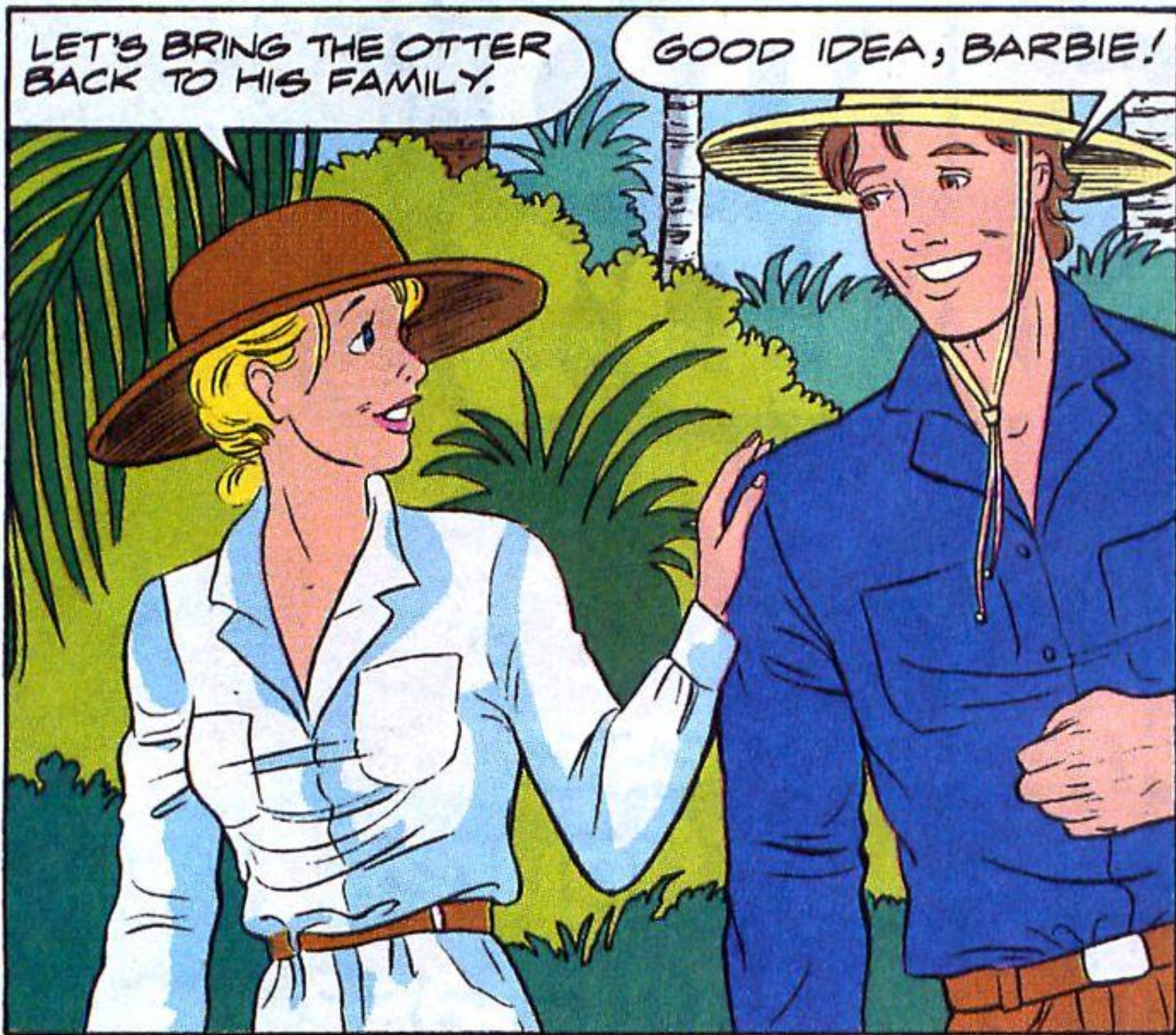
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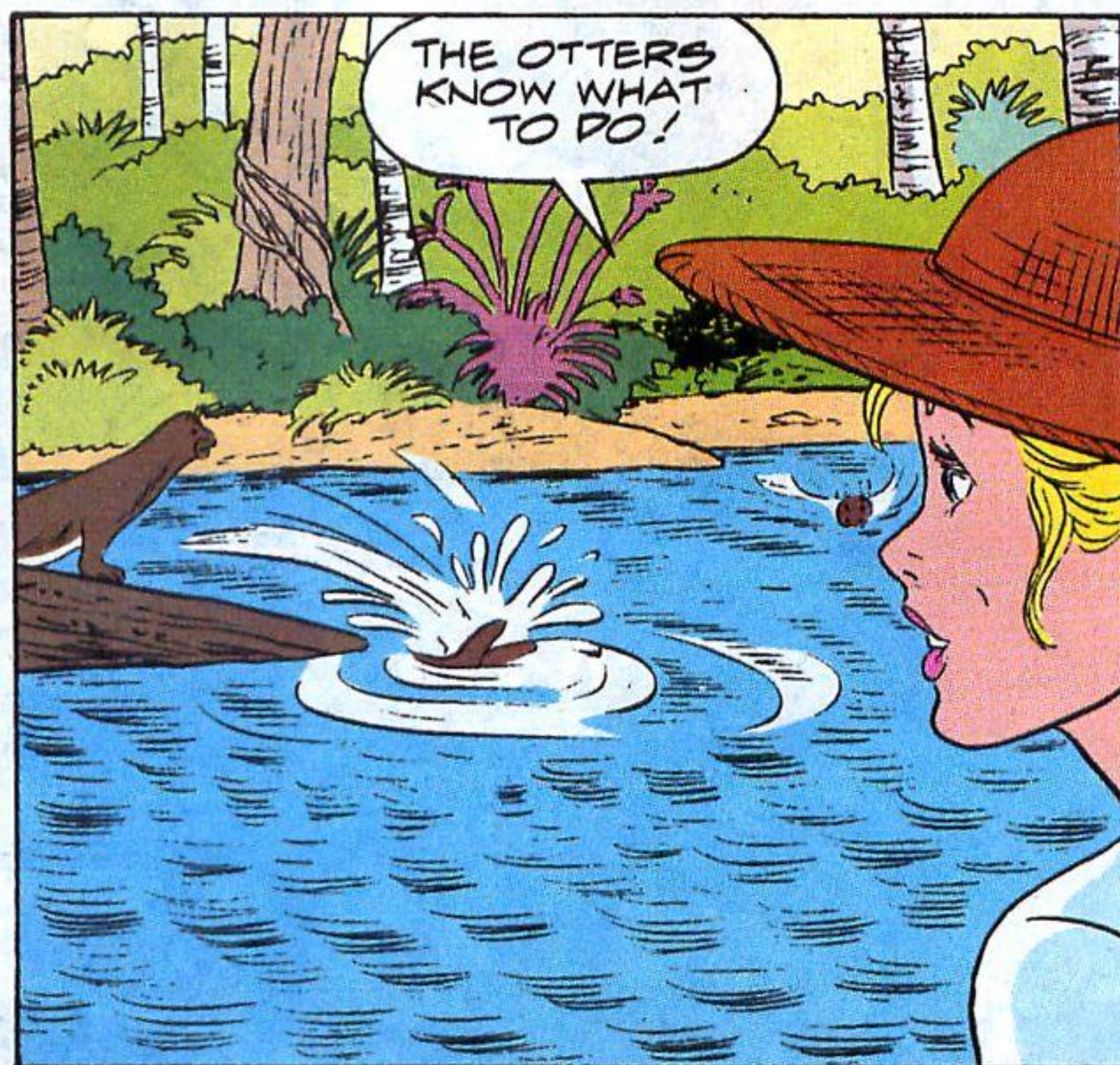
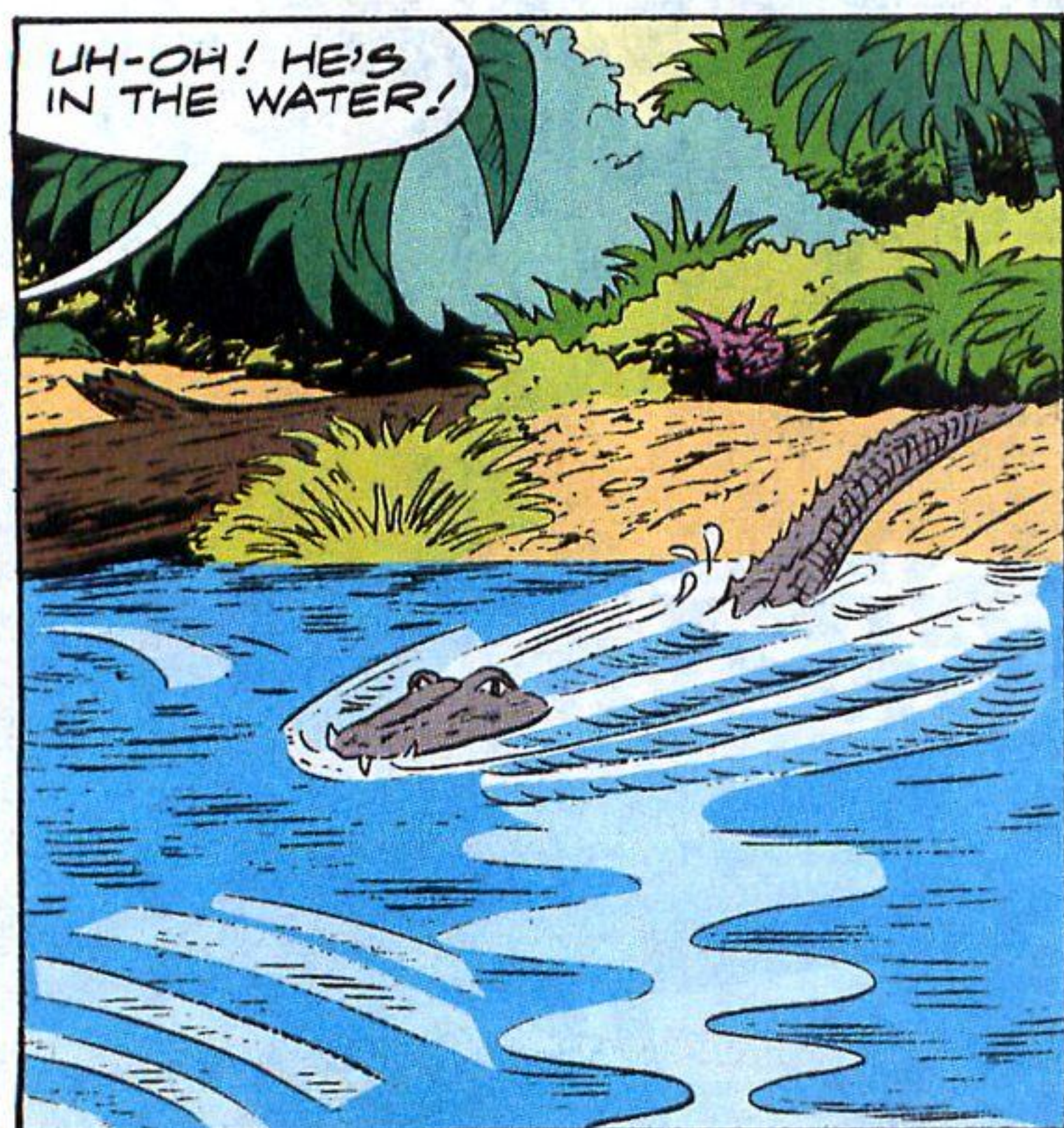
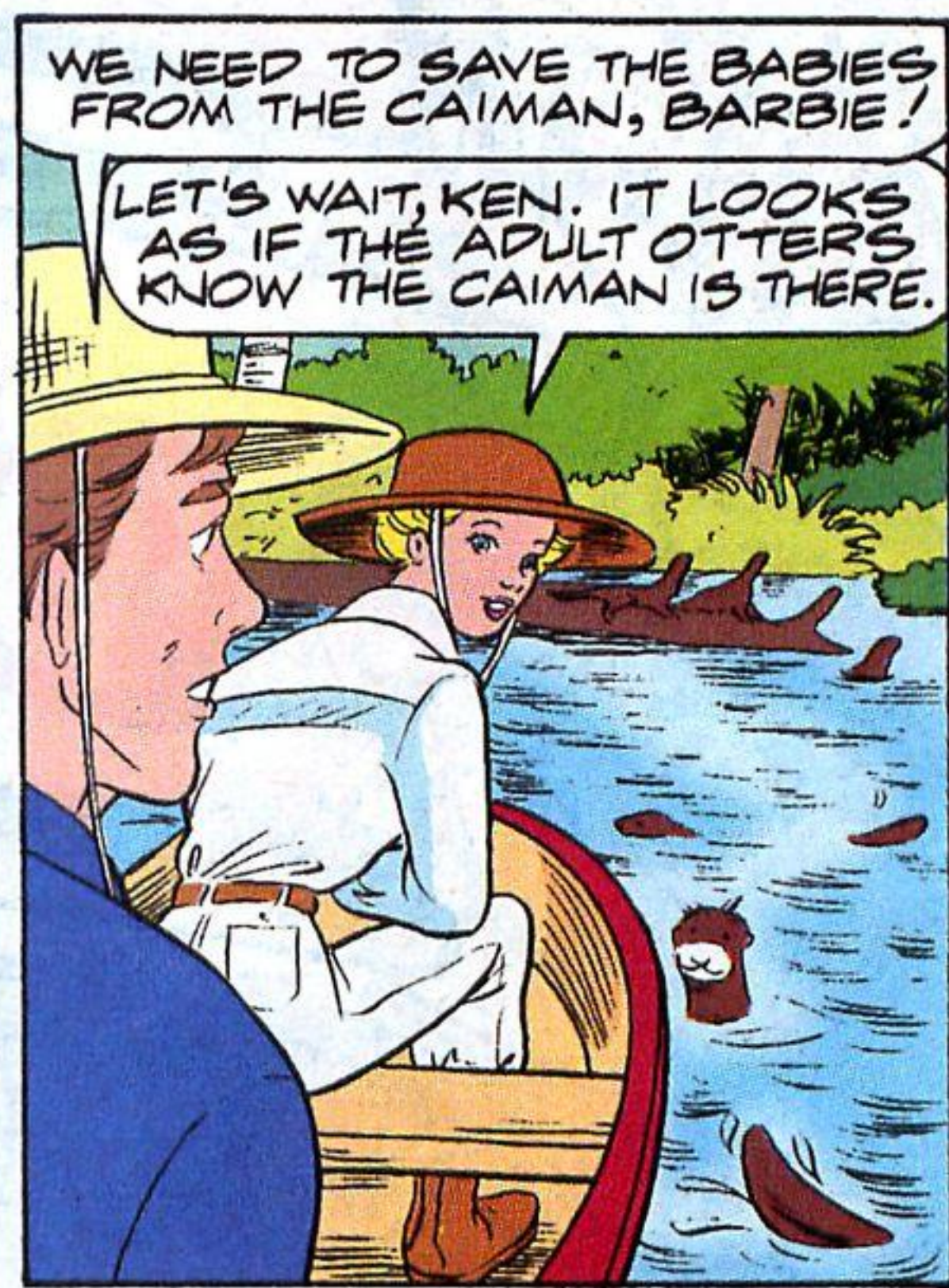
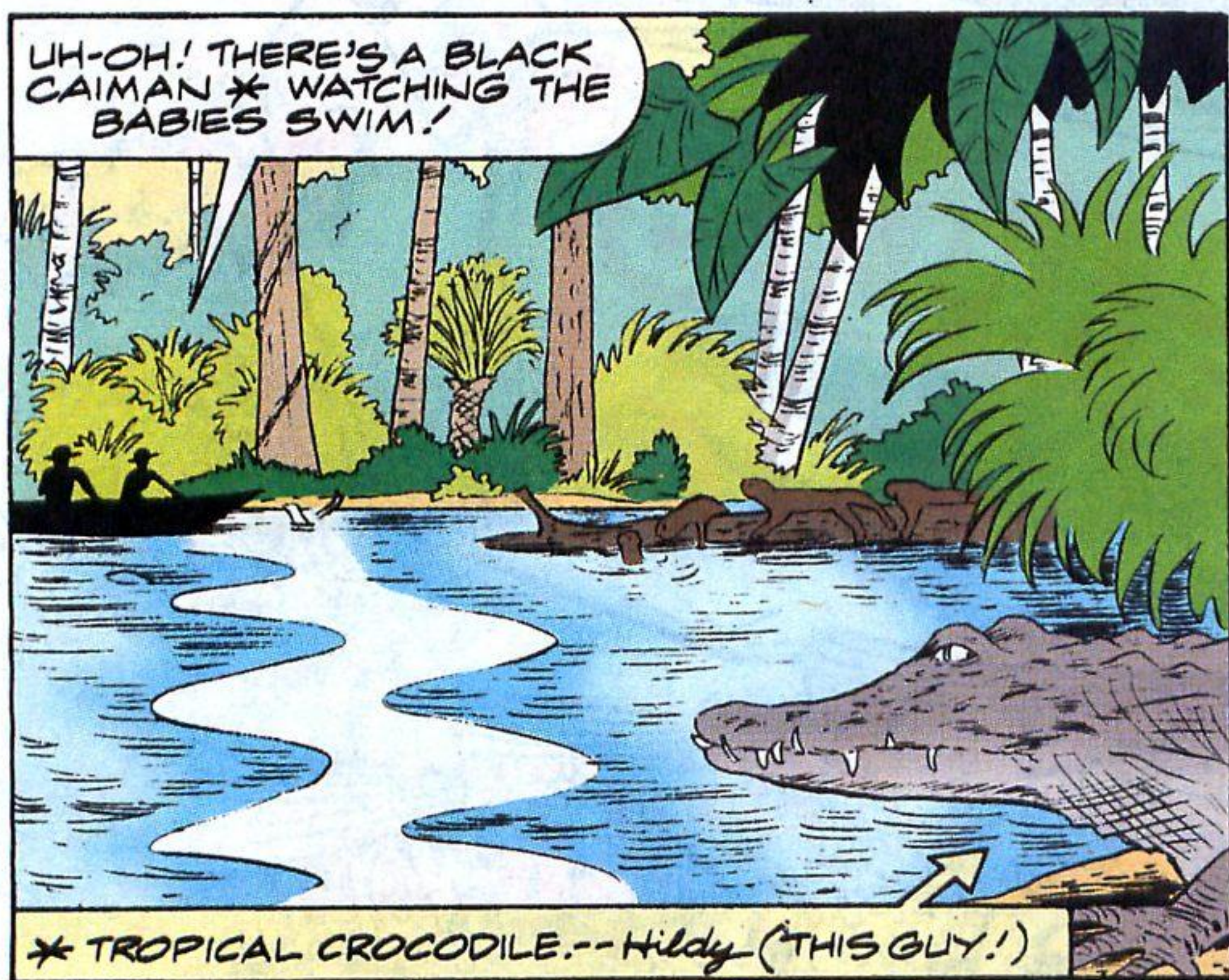
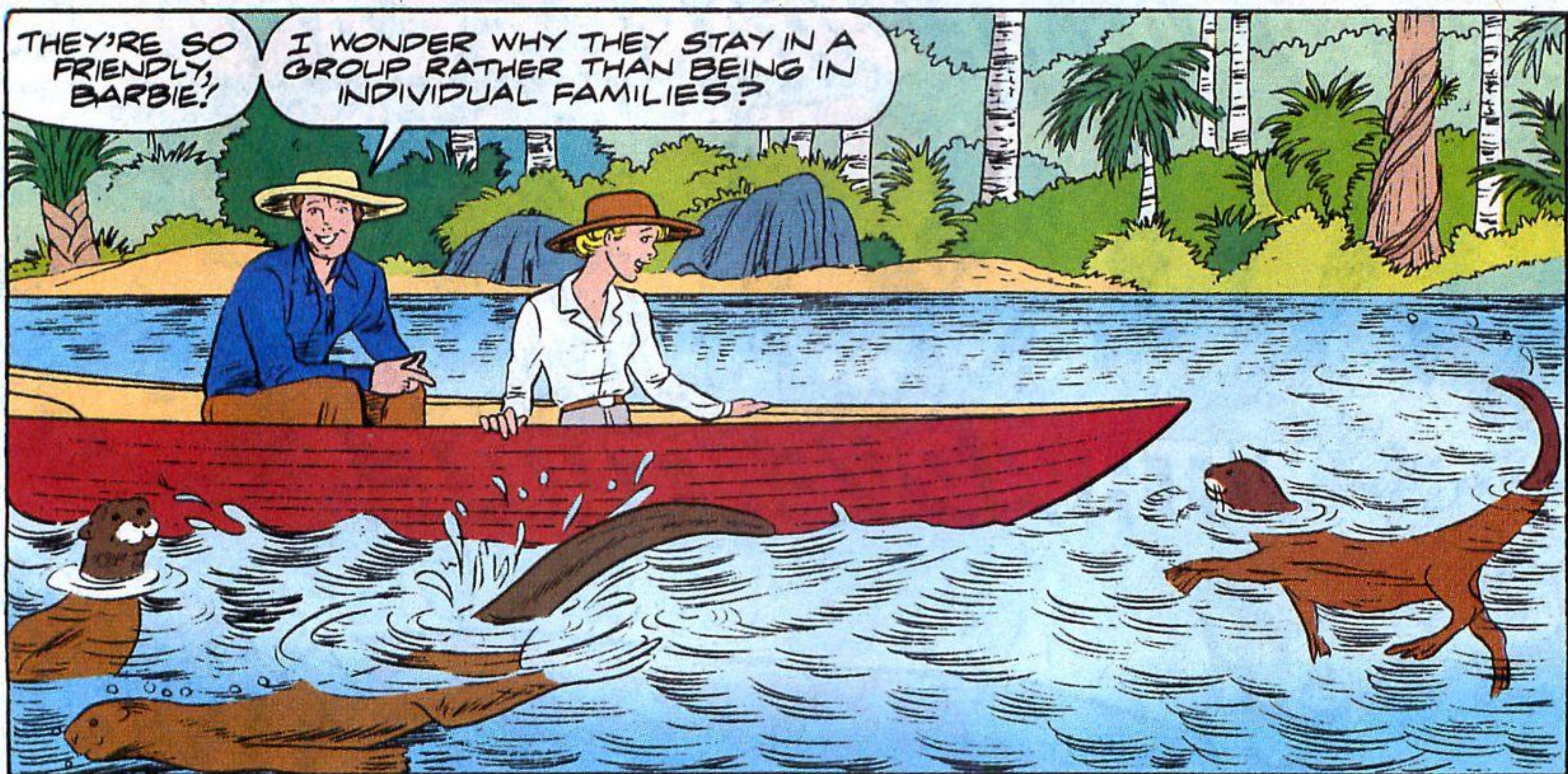
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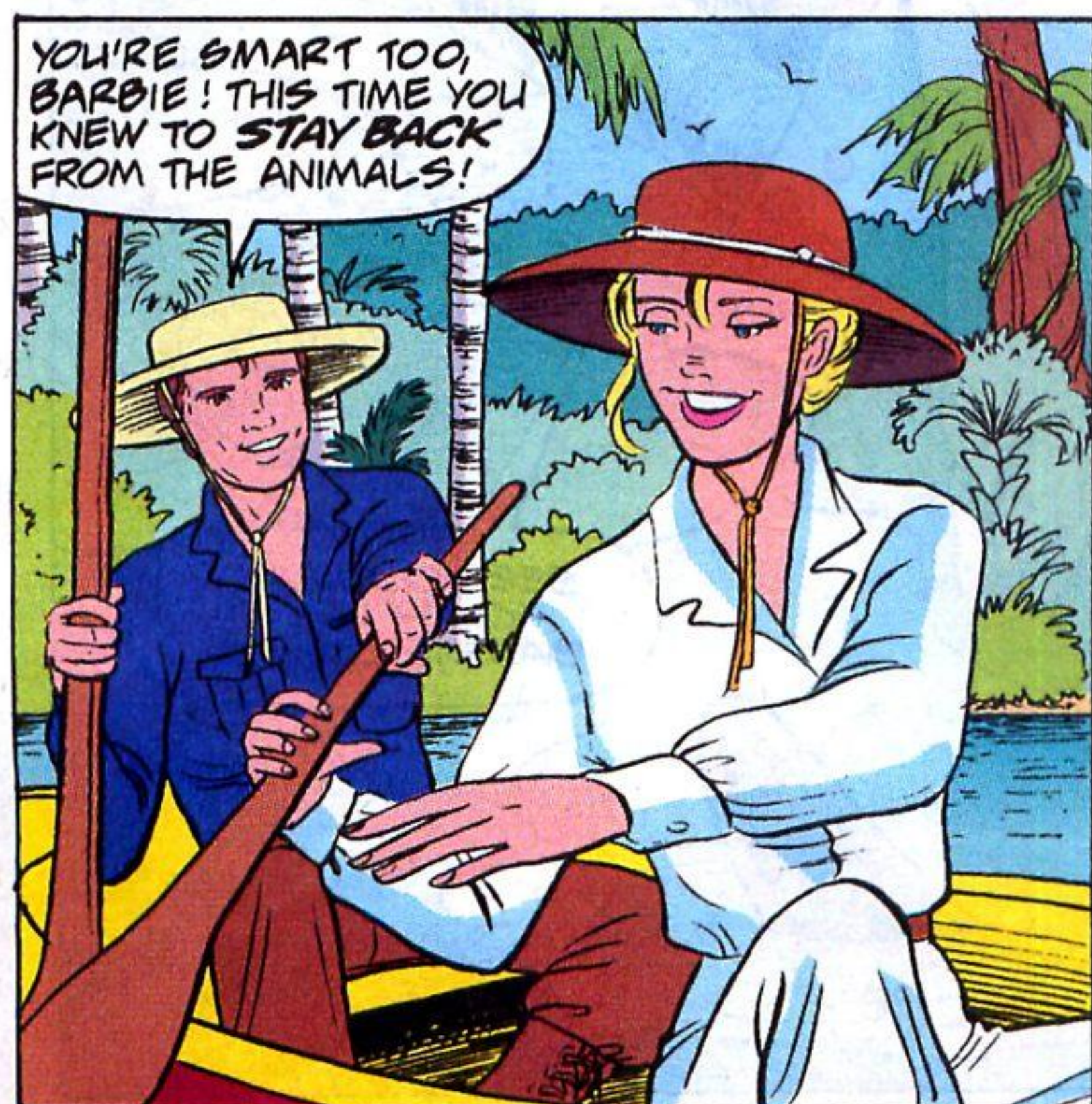
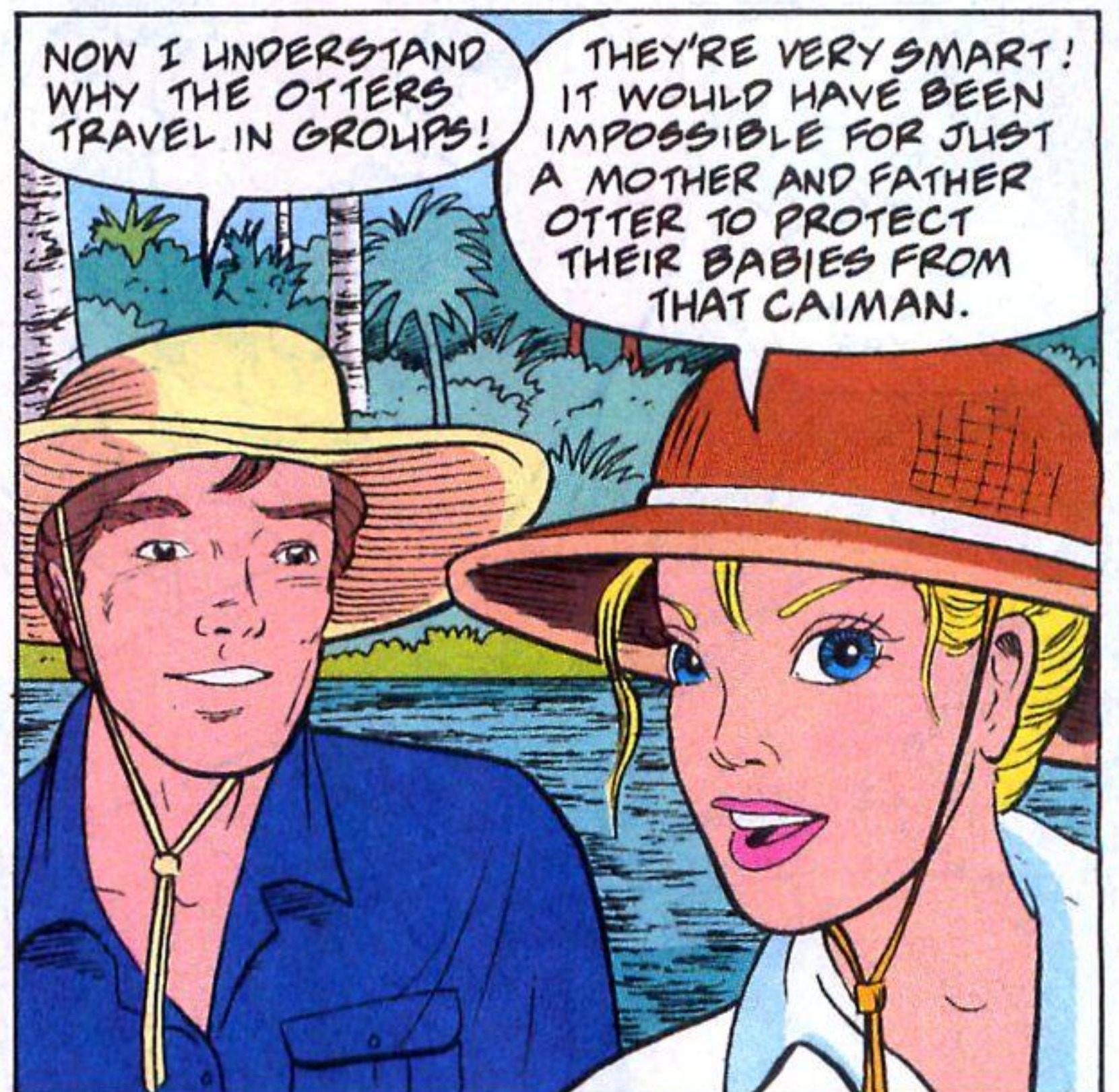
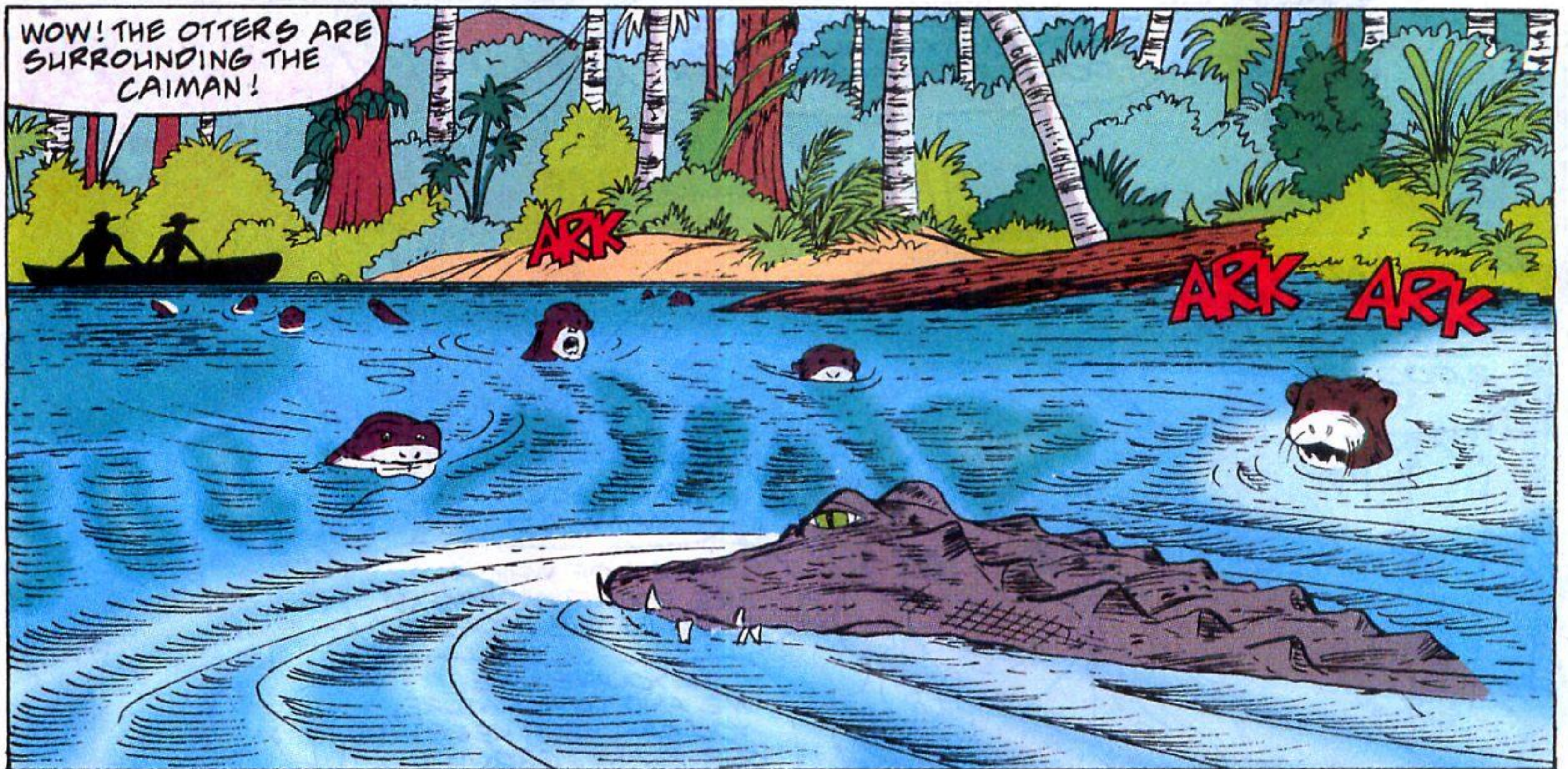
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Hey, kids — Since we print your name, age, city and state, please include them on your letters.

Dear BARBIE,

My sister loves your comics and so do I! My sister is the one who collects Barbies. She has a lot of them. We both love Barbie!

Ali Kernage, age 10
Plainwell, MI

Hello to you and your sister, Ali! And thanks for writing!

Dear BARBIE,

Hi! My name is Beth and I am 10-years-old. Eleven days ago I had my tonsils out. I also got my first BARBIE issue. I loved it!

Beth Lamm
Cumberland, MD

We bet getting your tonsils out wasn't much fun, Beth! But we're sure you're feeling much better by now — and we're very happy to hear that BARBIE brought you some cheer while you were recuperating!

Dear BARBIE,

I am 11-years-old and in the fifth grade. I love reading BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION. You do a terrific job. I would also like to congratulate Amanda and Jeff on their great work in this comic.

I think Barbie is the prettiest and most stylish person I know!

Emily Lam, age 11
Brooklyn, NY

It's the wonderful creative people, like Amanda and Jeff, who work their magic and make Barbie so pretty and stylish, Emily! We don't know what we'd do without them!

Dear BARBIE,

I am interested in subscribing to BARBIE comics. Could you tell me how to do it?

Also, I have some recent issues of BARBIE, and I'd like to get issues #2 through #32. Do you have them? How can I get them?

Please let me know! Thanks!

Michelle Stiles, age 10
Des Moines, IA

It's easy to subscribe to BARBIE, Michelle, and receive every issue at home each month! You'll find a form in this very issue. Simply fill it out and send it in! Be sure to check with a parent or adult first!

We're sorry that we can't help you with those back issues — we put the comics together, but we don't sell them! We have two suggestions. Try looking at your local

comic shops, which you can find by checking the yellow pages. If you don't see what you're looking for, be sure to ask because they may be able to order it for you.

You may also want to try mail order comic companies. Some companies advertise in this comic, or other Marvel titles. You may be able to order back issues from them.

Good luck!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Kristin and I am 13 years old. I don't want to criticize your comic, but I would like to make a point. I've noticed that in your stories Barbie has very minor problems, she never fights with Skipper, and is practically flawless.

I have glasses and I'm not as thin as I would like to be. I notice that I very rarely see a character that is nice-looking and wears glasses, but I never see a character that is overweight (not grossly exaggerated or picked on about it).

I think that especially kids want to know that even their idol isn't perfect. Barbie and her friends are wonderful at everything and hardly make mistakes. Magazines and TV programs show kids and teens what they should look like. They often feel bad because they don't look like these examples, and never will.

There are lots of different problems that people have, from wearing glasses to being handicapped. And not everyone is beautiful. It would just be more realistic if Barbie and her friends weren't perfect in every way.

Thanks for your time.

Krista Anderson, age 13
Painted Post, NY

You make some excellent points, Krista, and we agree that everyone isn't perfect. Yes, our comics would be more realistic if Barbie and her friends faced the many kinds of difficulties and problems that all of us face every day. But we hope that when people read BARBIE comics, they can forget their problems for a little while and enjoy a wonderful story about a beautiful doll who is good, kind, and giving.

Self-image is often a problem for young people, and you are right to notice that there are many unrealistic and impossible images all around us. We think it's an excellent idea to portray as many different kinds of people in our comic as we can, including those who wear glasses, are slightly overweight, or are handicapped. As a matter of fact, we've published several stories which

feature Skipper's schoolmates Angela, who uses a wheelchair, and Randy, who wears eyeglasses and starred in Barbie's back-to-school fashion show!

But it's also important to remember that this is a comic. These images are drawings based on the dolls, and the artists' imagination. Sometimes it's nice to imagine and read about a more perfect world. Again, it may help people to enjoy a brief escape from the problems of the everyday world, and who knows? If you can imagine a better world, one where people are kind, polite and helpful, maybe you can make the world a better place!

BARBIE'S BIRTHDAY CORNER

It's April! The days are longer and the weather's warmer — and many BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION readers are celebrating birthdays!

- 4/1, Danielle Lynn Aiken, 11, Hamden, CT
- 4/1, Stephanie Kusnick, 9, Dryden, Ontario, Canada
- 4/4, Keeley Christensen, Coal City, IL
- 4/5, Heather Lee, 10, Sunnyside, WA
- 4/6, Samantha Nakatsuchi, 10, Vandenberg AFB, CA
- 4/7, Donata Marcantonio, 5, Rockaway, NJ
- 4/10, Donna Lavaie, 6, Pasadena, CA
- 4/12, Chelsea Brekke, 10, Las Vegas, NV
- 4/12, Darlene Hamill, 11, New Castle, DE
- 4/15, Courtney Woodhull, 12, St. Louis Park, MN
- 4/18, Tara Cooper, 9, Little Falls, NJ
- 4/19, Starlena Collins, 15, Portland, OR
- 4/25, Lauren McCormack, 7, West Chester, PA
- 4/26, Tiffany Evans, 11, San Jose, CA
- 4/27, Isabel Rosas, 11, Hart, MI
- 4/27, Meghan Matthews, 9, Stockton, CA
- 4/29, Casey Phillips, 8, Hudson, FL
- 4/30, Beth McPherson, KS
- 4/30, Nicole Lyn Kollanda, 9, Hamden, CT

We'd like to wish these, and all the BARBIE readers celebrating their special day this month a very happy birthday!

If you would like to see your birthday listed here, please send your name, age, address, and birthday to the address at the top of this page. Please be sure to send it to us at least six months ahead of time!

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Barbie

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JUNGLE FEVER!

Whether bird watching or tree climbing through the jungles of the Amazon, Barbie stays cool and comfortable in these fantastic fashions sent to us by you — the BARBIE readers! We only have room here to print a few of the hundreds of fabulous fashions we've received. We love them all and hope you enjoy them as much as we do!

If you have a fashion for Barbie, for any occasion, be sure to send it to us here at BARBIE, c/o Marvel Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY, 10016. Please be sure to include your name, age and full address!



Jennifer Siekmann, age 8
Tallmadge, OH

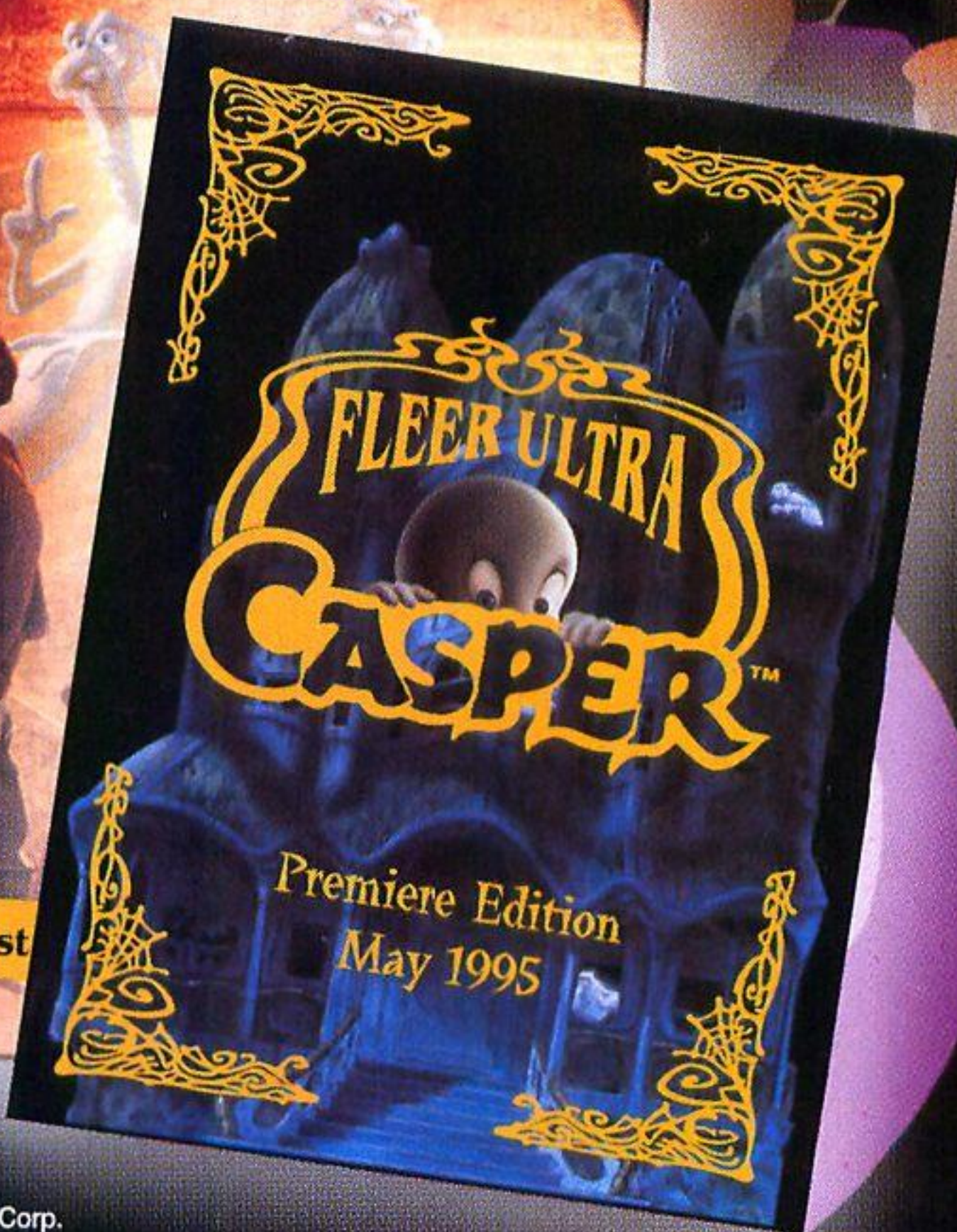
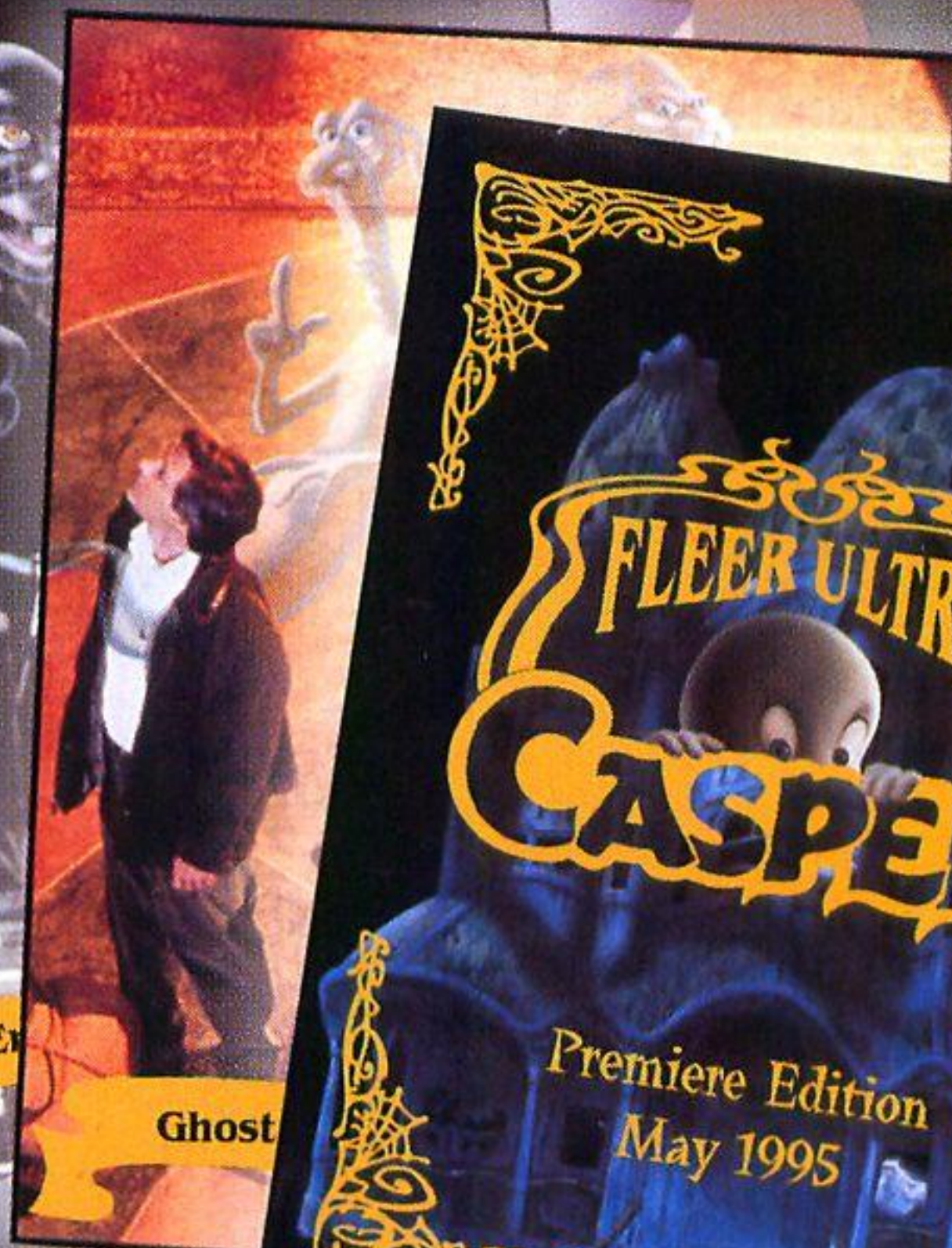
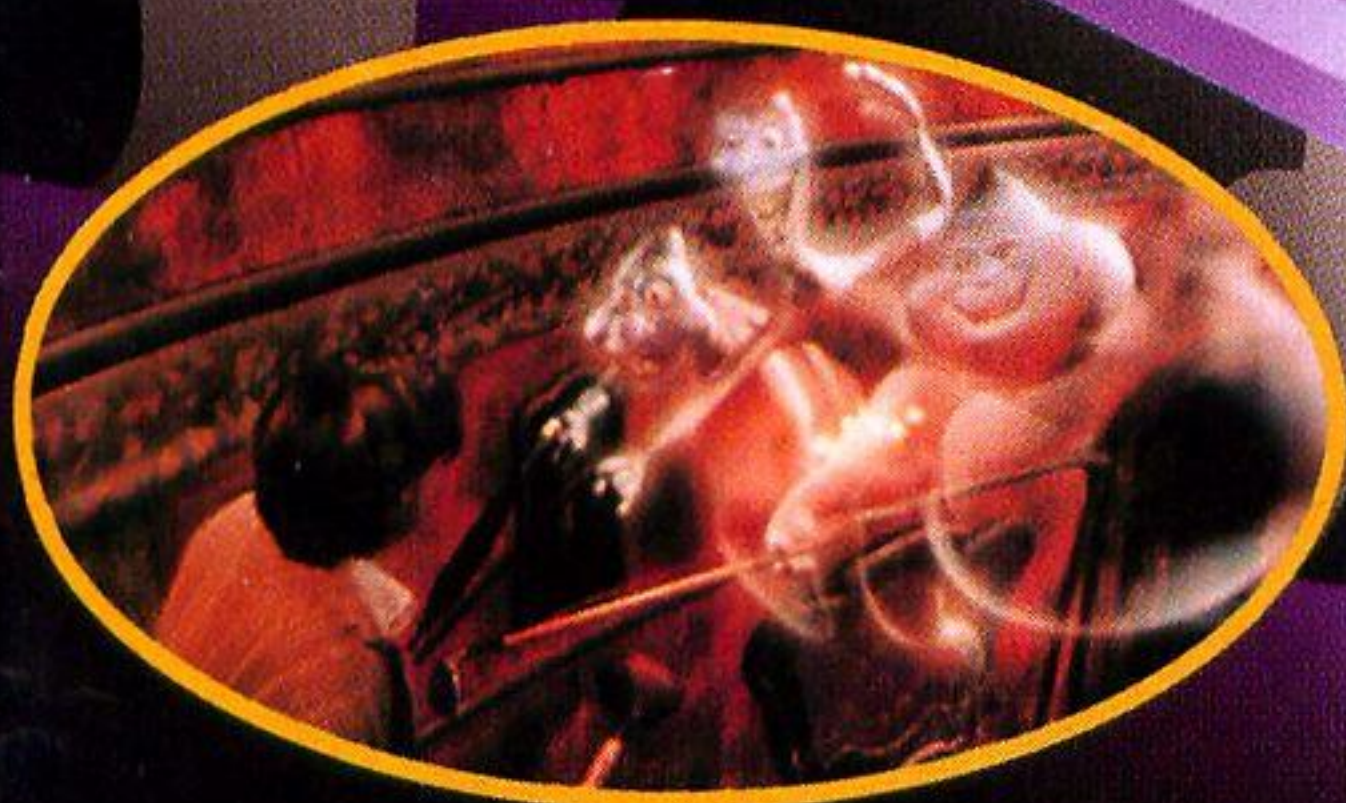
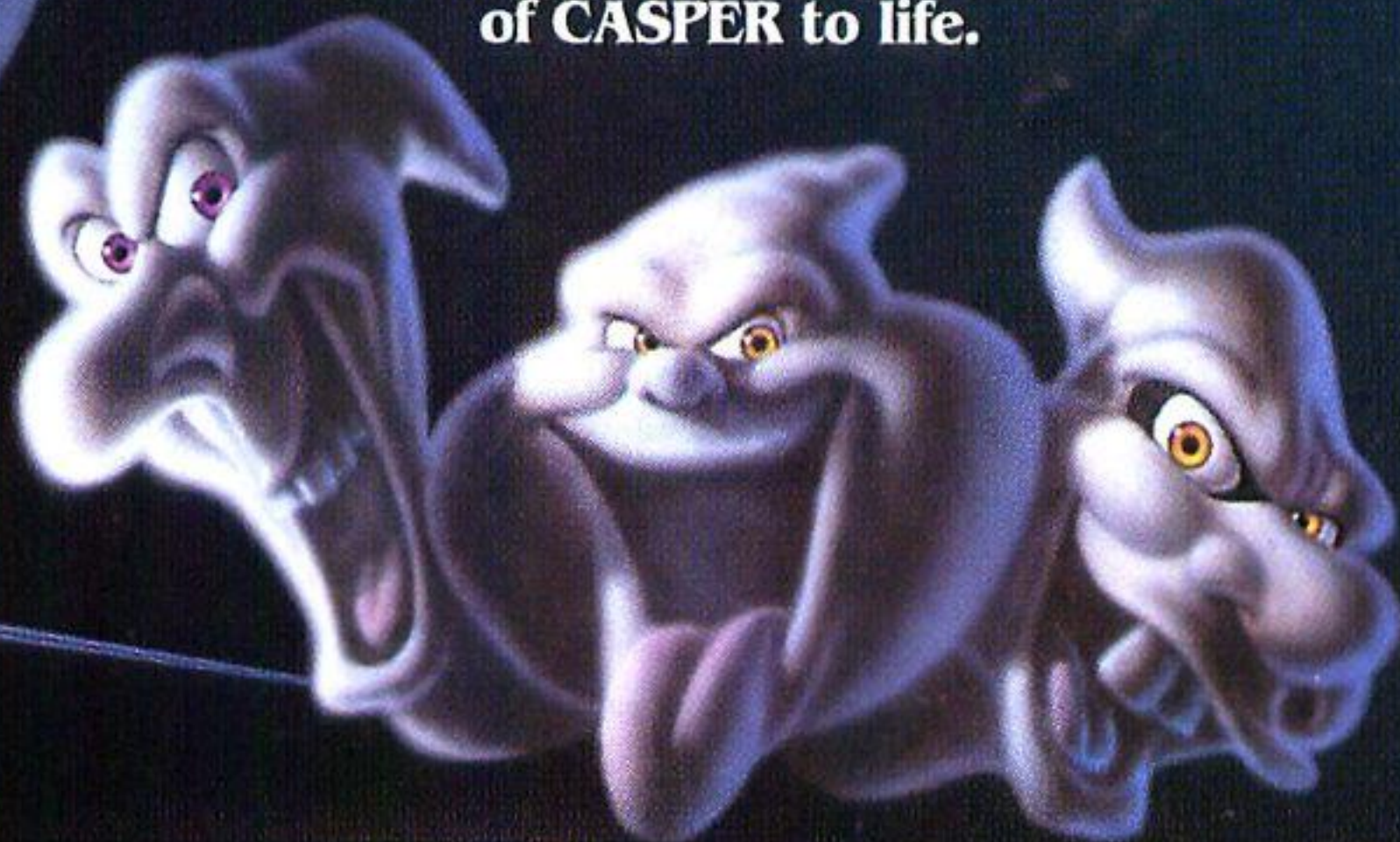
Marie Zellman, age 12
Burnsville, MN

Crystin Murphy, age 8
Ramsey, NJ

The Movie Event of the Year in a Spooktacular Card Set from Fleer!

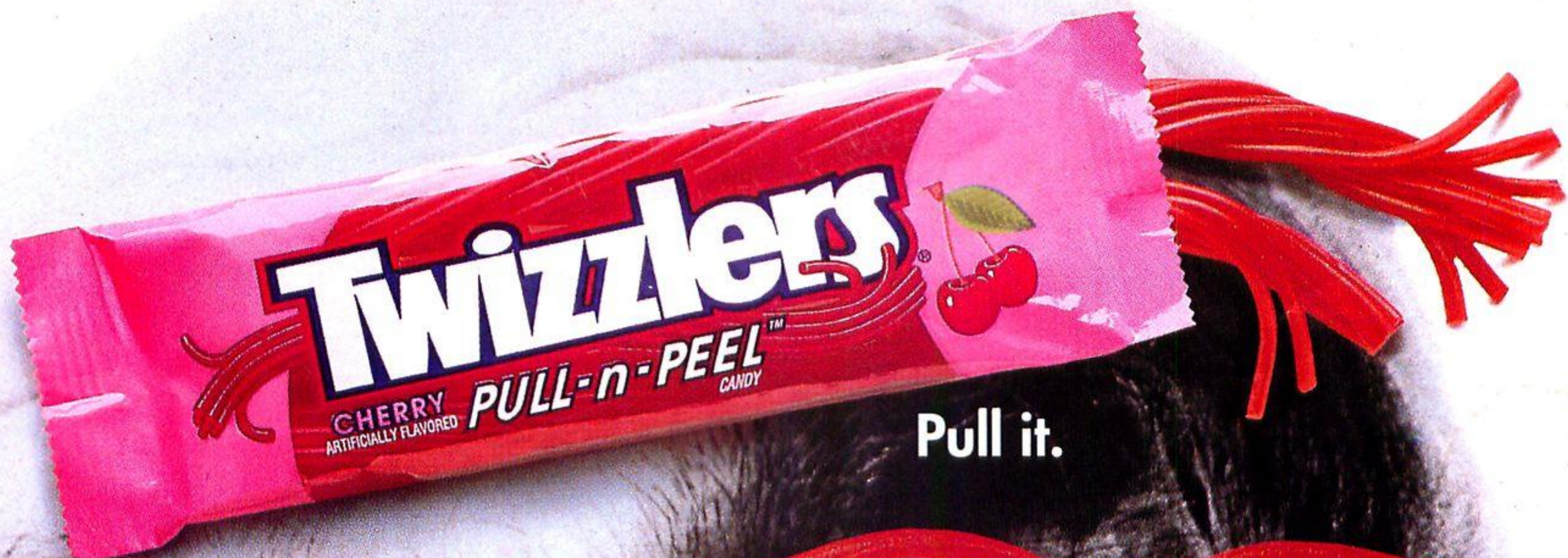


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Twizzlers Pull-n-Peel.
Chewy delicious cherry-flavored candy.